

Two bombs in Cairo as thousands mourn Zahabi

CAIRO. — Two bombs exploded late Wednesday in two theatres, kilometres apart, injuring five persons and smashing windows and furniture, police said.

The first explosion occurred at 10 p.m. at the Sphinx open-air cinema in the Agouza suburb of Cairo. Four persons were wounded in this incident.

The second bomb went off an hour later at the theatre of the Arab Music Institute, in downtown Cairo, injuring one person with flying glass splinters.

The newspaper "Al-Ahram" said police were investigating whether the two explosions were the work of the ultra-religious Penance and Retreat Society.

Earlier in the day, the government rounded up about 135 members of the fanatic group, after it kidnapped and killed a former cabinet minister, Dr. Mohammed Hussein Zahabi.

Yesterday, tens of thousands of mourners, sobbing, wailing and

shouting "There is no God but Allah," marched in the funeral procession for Sheikh Zahabi.

Prayers for the slain sheikh's soul were offered at the Al-Azhar Mosque, the 1,000-year-old seat of learning, where he used to teach Islamic theology.

In a gesture of Christian-Islamic solidarity, churches in other sections of Cairo rang their bells.

While the funeral was in progress, President Anwar Sadat issued a decree setting up a three-man military tribunal, under Major General Hassan Sadek, to try the killers next week.

The planned visit of Premier Mamduh Salem to Austria next week has been cancelled, Austrian foreign ministry officials said yesterday. No new date has been set. There was no official explanation for the cancellation. But since Salem is also Interior Minister, the speculation was that this visit was dropped because of the violence in Cairo. (UPI, AP)

Eban decides to go to U.S.

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Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday accepted the government's request to go on an information mission to the U.S. He told *The Jerusalem Post* he will leave on July 24 or 25.

The date was fixed at a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Jerusalem yesterday evening. Eban will leave right after Begin returns from his trip.

Eban said there have been daily contradictory developments in Washington's policy, but that the situation "might crystallize" during Begin's visit, and he would then have a better idea of the "information problems" he would face.

Furthermore, by going after Begin's trip, he himself would not be pressed for time.

Eban has informed Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres of his decision.

His colleagues in the Labour Alignment Knesset faction had criticised the trip, but left the decision with him. Some, like former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, said the government's offer was a Likud attempt to undermine Labour.

Others could not understand how a leading "dove" like Eban could go on a "public-relations mission" for the "hawkish" government.

Eban said yesterday that, except for ambassadors, no one presents a view which is his own. His main effort will be to try to maintain the kind of backing Israel had enjoyed in the past, when there was no talk of a Palestinian homeland and a return to the June 1967 boundaries.

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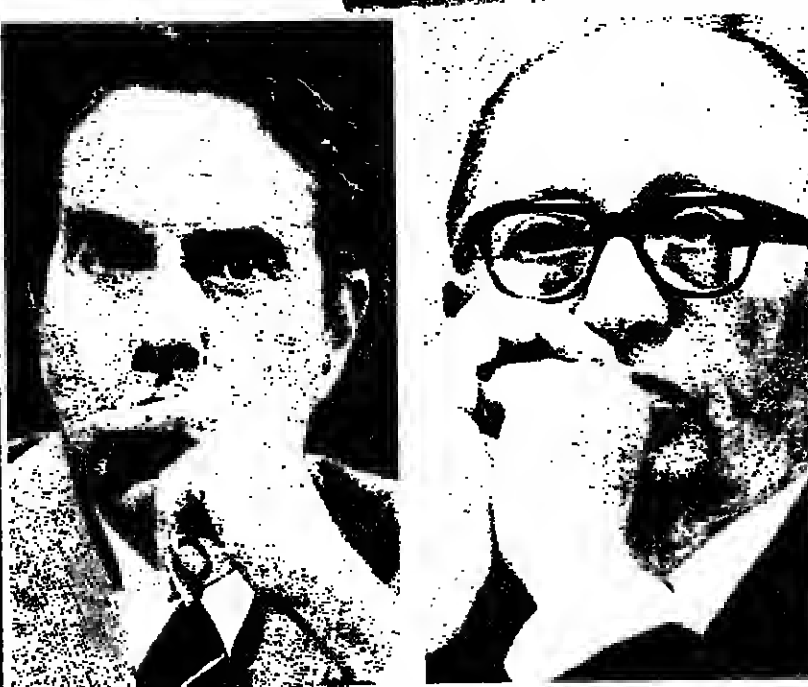
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Senator Robert Dole and Prime Minister Menachem Begin listen attentively during last night's ZOA convention meeting.

(Rahamim Yisraeli)

Premier calls for political truce in Middle East

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night called on the leaders of Egypt, Jordan and Syria to join in a "political armistice" before going to a renewed Geneva conference; and to refrain from telling each other about what constitute borders and national security in the region.

"If they continue to make such statements in the months ahead, our only conceivable response is that we will tell them where are our boundaries, what is our national security, and where lies the future of our children."

The prime minister was addressing the 80th national convention of the Zionist Organization of America at the Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem. The ZOA's 1,000 delegates, along with thousands of tourists and immigrants, gave Begin frequent standing ovations.

Responding to statements by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat this week that his country would retaliate against Israel if it used atomic bombs, Begin said: "Israel will not threaten anyone...we wish the Egyptian people well."

Begin, addressing himself to U.S. President Jimmy Carter said: "I hope Mr. Carter will order the moving of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a capital," he declared, "long before London, Paris and Brussels. Why

should it be the only such place without an American embassy?"

The ZOA, claiming 120,000 members and established soon after the first World Zionist Congress in Basel 80 years ago, is affiliated to the General Zionist Movement.

Senator Robert Dole, Gerald Ford's vice-presidential candidate in the last election, said he fully agrees with Prime Minister Begin's depiction of the West Bank as "liberated territory, not occupied territory."

The Kansas Republican added: "If Israel wishes to relinquish all or part of the West Bank by negotiations, that is her right. It is not her obligation."

Senator Dole said: "Let us not defend Israel's so-called conquests, but let us not also defend Arab conquests."

Jerusalem, said the senator, is historically and legally a Jewish city, and "in the search for a solution, whatever else may be negotiable, the Capital of Israel clearly is not."

Israel's return to the pre-1967 borders would jeopardize her security. "The inescapable truth is that these borders led not to peace but to war."

President Jimmy Carter, in a special message to the convention, said both Israel and the U.S. desire peace. "I assure you of my administration's commitment to the security of Israel and to the realization of our shared goal of peace," he said.

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Begin readies peace ideas

Post-Mideast Affairs Editor

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday began putting the finishing touches on the Middle East peace formulas which he will discuss with U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington in ten days.

During the day, the Premier had a long conference with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman. The three were expected to meet again before Begin presents his detailed peace concepts to a special cabinet meeting next week, on the eve of his departure to the U.S.

Officials in Jerusalem declined to disclose information on Begin's deliberations with Dayan and Weizman. However, they are understood to have touched on Israel's position on the specific components of the Middle East conflict, including the question of peace treaties, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip.

Informed sources said that Begin had devoted considerable time to analyzing policy statements made by President Jimmy Carter at his meeting with American Jewish leaders on Wednesday. Begin and Dayan are due to bear a full report on that meeting today from Rabbi Alexander Schneider, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who arrived last night together with the Conference Director-General, Yehuda Hellman.

Preliminary reports indicated general satisfaction among the American Jewish leaders with Carter's pronouncements, especially those reasserting Washington's identification with Israel on the conception of Middle East peace and declaring that there has been no deviation from the longstanding policy committing the U.S. to mediating between Israel and the Arabs rather than imposing a settlement on them.

The same reports, however, reflected apprehension by some Jewish leaders over Carter's prescription for Israeli pullbacks towards the pre-1967 frontiers and for a "Palestinian homeland or entity" being presented as an "American policy." Fears were expressed that Carter's stance on these two issues were raising the expectations of the Arabs, who, if frustrated, might impede the progress toward a negotiated peace.

The same leaders are said to have been particularly disturbed by Carter's stance on the question of defence, which involves arms supplies and the Israeli co-production and sale of weapons under U.S. licence. They noted that there was no sign of a change in the U.S. Administration's attitude on these issues, in spite of the fact that Congress had placed Israel in the same "special-relationship" category that formal allies of the U.S. enjoy.

Carter is also seen as having dealt Israel a rebuff by his second denial of Israel's request to sell Ecuador 24 Kfir fighter-bombers equipped with American engines. The request had originally been denied last February, on the grounds of what was described as pure American strategic and economic considerations.

Christian rejects call by PLO for truce in south

BEIRUT (UPI). — A high-ranking Christian official yesterday rejected a Palestine Liberation Organization offer of a cease-fire in southern Lebanon.

"A cease-fire alone will not stop the fighting and will not do any good," said Karim Makradouni, head of the Phalangist Party's political bureau.

However, he proposed a withdrawal by all rival factions to positions 15 kilometres from the Lebanese-Israeli border.

On Tuesday, the PLO had suggested through the intermediary of a Shia Muslim group representing villagers in southern Lebanon that the terrorists would lay down their arms in the battle-scarred region if the Christians in the south did the same.

Abuhatzaira pledges support for return to Ilkri and Biram

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzaira said yesterday that he will urge the government to permit the Maronite former inhabitants of Biram and Ilkri on the northern border to return to their homes.

Speaking to members of the Moslem Shari'a religious court in Jaffa, the minister said he hoped the cabinet would approve "this fine move" in order to emphasize the difference between the new government and the previous Labour administration.

The Maronite Christian Arabs left the two villages on the border with Lebanon during the 1948 War of Liberation, after a promise from Israel Defence Forces commanders in the area that they would be permitted back as soon as the security situation allowed.

Ehrlich, Meshel agree to confer regularly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An accord to meet about every 10 days to discuss outstanding matters and to coordinate efforts was reached yesterday between Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehuda Meshel in their first "working meeting."

After the meeting, both men said that the meeting had been "cordial" and promised a smooth future for all such meetings.

Ehrlich said: "I pointed out that we had no conflict of interests. The Finance Ministry makes economic policy; the Histadrut attends to labour relations. We each have our own job to do. I went so far as to say that I would pull 'no economic surprises' out of my sleeve and present the Histadrut with a fait accompli."

Ehrlich proposed that he receive authorization from the cabinet, as he has done in the past, to make joint decisions binding on both the government and the Histadrut. If they could not agree, "the government, of course, will make the final decision."

During the meeting, Meshel requested continuance of allowances for the first two children pegged 100 per cent to the cost-of-living index, Ehrlich agreed.

Meshel also presented a series of other requests, which Ehrlich asked him to formulate in writing. They included:

- Tax exemption on those earning "recognized" premiums or working night shifts;
- Increasing the tax exemptions for pensioners from 25 to 35 per cent;
- Setting up a public committee to

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Chinese pilot flies Mig 19 to Taiwan

TAIPEI. — A squadron leader in the Chinese Air Force defected to Taiwan yesterday in his Mig-19 fighter, and local radio reports said he was carrying important military documents. Military sources here said that the defection nearly triggered the first air battle between the Communists and Nationalists in 18 years, when other Mig-19s tried to intercept the plane.

A Nationalist Chinese military spokesman said the pilot, named as Fan Yuan-yen, 41, was after his mid-afternoon flight across the Taiwan Straits from the eastern Chinese province of Fukien.

The Central News Agency (CNA) reported that on landing at the southern Taiwanese air base of Tainan, the pilot said of China: "Life there is miserable. I can't stand it any longer."

Fan will receive 5,000 ounces of gold — equivalent to more than \$800,000 at the Taiwan market price — under a standing offer by the Nationalist government.

(Reuters, UPI)

No decision on F-16 production rights

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is not expected to reach a final decision on Israel's pending request for co-production rights to the F-16 fighter bomber and other military items before Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington later this month, U.S. officials disclosed yesterday.

They said that this controversial issue would be discussed in considerable detail during the Begin talks with President Jimmy Carter, scheduled for July 19-20.

They pointed out that nearly all of the related branches of the U.S. government — including the Pentagon and the State Department — have made initial recommendations on the co-production of the F-16, but the final decision would have to be made by the President.

Within the Pentagon there is a consensus that Israel should receive some co-production rights, but nowhere as high a percentage as Israel is requesting, the officials said.

The issue of co-production of the F-16 was not raised directly with Carter during a meeting Wednesday with American Jewish leaders. But they did raise the issue with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during a preliminary session Wednesday at the White House.

Vance, who said that the U.S. was currently supplying Israel with a \$5b. arms pipeline and would do everything necessary to see Israel remain militarily secure, would say only that the co-production requests were being fully studied.

The President also gave a strong statement of support for Israel's security needs, but did not get into specifics. He gave his word "as a man" that he would never do to Israel what he charged former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had done during the six-month 1975 "reassessment" — withhold arms from Israel for political purposes.

White House officials yesterday were generally pleased with the reaction from the Jewish leadership to the meeting. They feel that the President successfully allayed many concerns, especially on the matter of the definition of peace.

Jewish leaders at the session were cautious yesterday in assessing the meeting. They said that the President had in fact made very reassuring statements, but they noted that

similar statements had been made in the past.

White House counsel Robert Lipshutz yesterday described the meeting with the Jewish leadership as having been "very constructive." He said that it allowed the Jewish leadership to receive "a much fuller understanding" of the Administration's Middle East policies.

Lipshutz, who participated in the meeting, also said that the Jewish leaders had an opportunity to express their concerns and interests directly to the President, and this was useful.

Addressing the Overseas Writers Club, Lipshutz declined to go into details on the U.S. policy toward the Middle East, explaining that Carter has called for a moratorium on such statements until after the Begin visit.

Ironically, Carter himself had broken that moratorium by opening

the first part of his meeting with the Jewish leadership to the White House press corps.

Jewish leaders here were especially pleased by two points the President made during the meeting: first, that any overall settlement should include full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Arab states, and second, that the U.S. opposed the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, wishing instead to see any Palestinian "homeland" have links with Jordan.

The President confirmed during the meeting that the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Jordan are themselves not keen on the idea of an independent Palestinian state established between Israel and Jordan — and all recognize now that any Palestinian homeland in the West Bank would have to be part of Jordan.

COMPROMISE REACHED BETWEEN COMMUNITIES Barriers lifted on Rehov Hashomer

BNEI BRAK. — Barriers will not be placed across Rehov Hashomer here tomorrow — this was the result of a compromise agreement thrashed out late last night between representatives of the religious and non-religious communities in the city.

According to the compromise, police will be stationed in place of the barriers — one of which resulted in the death of Herzl Attiya last Friday night — and they will permit only local residents to use the road. The agreement, which represents a return to the status quo in force up to three weeks ago, will be honoured by both sides until the High Court of Justice comes to a decision on the issue in three weeks' time.

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the compromise was honoured to the letter. Meanwhile Bnei Brak Mayor Yisrael Gottlieb has sent a cable to Prime Minister Begin and the three religious ministers in the cabinet urging them to see that the agreement is, in fact, honoured.

Earlier yesterday, the threat of a secular-religious confrontation had increased, as some 15,000 religious residents had planned to demonstrate today unless the police restricted vehicular traffic in Rehov Hashomer tonight and tomorrow. At the same time, organizers of a committee representing secular parties threatened to defy a police ban against holding a protest assembly there late this afternoon.

The organizers of a "memorial" (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

Begin asks Egypt to stop violating Sinai accord

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday informed UN Middle East forces commander Ennio Sillavuo that the Egyptians are violating the Sinai interim agreement by keeping thousands more than their allowed number of troops on the east side of the Suez Canal.

Informing the Finnish general that Israel believes international agreements should be kept, Begin asked Sillavuo to pass his message on to the Egyptians. He said that there were no complaints against Israel, Jerusalem would without delay restore the situation to what it is supposed to be under Israel's international obligations.

Begin said that all parties concerned should be concentrating now on the process of establishing peace, and that Israel did not desire any local problems of violation of agreements which all had accepted. According to the Prime Minister's

Bureau, Gen. Sillavuo said he would transmit the announcement to Egypt and do all he could to see that the Egyptians understand that they must return to the permitted number of troops east of the Canal.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister also asked Sillavuo to raise with the Syrians the problem of returning for burial the body of Israeli agent Eli Cohen, who was hanged in Damascus in 1965 for spying. Gen. Sillavuo said he would do his best.

"Total normalcy" is Cairo prerequisite

CAIRO (AP). — The Arabs may one day have full diplomatic relations with Israel, but only if "total normalcy" is restored to the Middle East, a senior Egyptian official said yesterday.

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Haifa Port	22-30	29	37
Tiberias	22-30	29	37
Nazareth	22-30	29	37
Afula	22-30	29	37
Shomron	22-30	29	37
Tel Aviv	22-30	29	37
B-G Airport	22-30	29	37
Jericho	22-30	29	37
Gaza	22-30	29	37
Be'er Sheva	22-30	29	37
Eilat	22-30	29	37
Tiran Straits	22-30	29	37

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received World Jewish Congress President Nahum Goldmann and Avraham Melamed MK.

Australian ambassador Richard Smith yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.

U.S. Senator Robert Dole yesterday visited Yehoshua Rabin, where he was shown around by acting director Haim Pazner.

French ambassador Jean Herly was yesterday the luncheon guest of Manufacturers Association president Avraham Shavit.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at nine o'clock tonight at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. S.M. Lehman and Ya'acov Barmer of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of Zimrat. A Melave Malka will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.30 p.m. with Rabbi David Teicher as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Tnuv Shivat Zion, 56 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Prof. Kurt Stern, Bar Ilan University, and Alex Levine, South African settler.

ARRIVALS

Rabbi Leon Katz, of Passaic, New Jersey, Vice-President of Religious Zionists of America, with Mrs. Katz, for a month's visit.

DEPARTURES

Yoram Aridor, deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office, for London.

Shaul Rosolio, to Mexico, to take up his post as ambassador in Mexico City.

New 'Good Fence' post on Lebanon border

METULLA (Him). — A fourth "Good Fence" border post on the Lebanese border has been opened recently to give villagers from the Har Dov ("Fistland") area access to Israel Defence Forces medical facilities.

The villages on the other side of the new "Good Fence" post have long been noted for their antagonism towards Israel and until recently have shunned the services and work opportunities at the other "Good Fence" posts in Metulla, Dovev and Hanita. The change in their attitude started when they began asking the medical and doctors in nearby IDF units for advice across the border fence. The wire was soon parted to allow regular access to the tent from which the new border post is starting to grow.

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is no more.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, at 12.30 p.m., leaving from the Music Academy Building, Tel Aviv University, for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

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KLARA BROTT

will take place on Monday, July 11, 1977 at 11 a.m. at the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem. We will meet at the entrance to the cemetery next to the International Hotel. Her husband Dr. J. Brott and all the family.

Likud wants to join Histadrut coalition

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Likud faction in the Histadrut yesterday said it wishes to join the Alignment-led coalition, but Secretary-General Yeruhm Meisel replied that he wishes to consult his party colleagues first.

The Likud's Daniel Nahmani made the request at a ceremony in which the officially certified June 21 election results were presented to Meisel. Nahmani said his faction had decided to tell Meisel to "stop calling us opposition. I want you to call me coalition."

Nahmani told The Jerusalem Post that the fact that the Likud heads the government will not stop him, as a workers' representative, from joining the Histadrut in opposing govern-

ment policies when warranted.

The Labour Alignment won 56.03 per cent of the votes, and does not need the Likud to form a majority. Meisel said he will include Likud members in the delegations that will conduct negotiations with the government, and in all other Histadrut activities. But he was evasive on co-opting Likud delegates in the labour federation's supreme Central Committee. Pressed by reporters, Meisel said to Nahmani: "I don't have the authority to tell you yes or no. If this is your formal request — I'll bring it to the authorised bodies."

Nahmani replied the request was formal.

The official election results, presented to Meisel yesterday were as follows:

	1977 elections No. of votes	Percentage	1973 elections Percentage	No. of seats in the conventions
Alignment	507,336	56.03	58.25	841
Religious Worker	16,491	1.80	4.28	27
Likud	258,466	28.58	22.78	429
DMC	73,594	8.13	(1)	122
Hadash (2)	27,781	3.06	2.37	46
ILP-CRM (3)	11,585	1.27	5.99	19
Sheila	10,162	1.13	2.76	17

(1) — The Democratic Movement for Change is a new list.

(2) — Hadash — The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality ran in the 1973 elections under the name of Rakah — New Communist List.

(3) — The Citizens Rights Movement did not run in the previous elections, and this time ran jointly with the Independent Liberal Party.

Four lists did not qualify for seats in the convention because they failed

to win at least one percent of the 917,126 valid votes (percentage is given in brackets): Andut — 4,594 (0.48); Yeminites and Ahva — 147 (0.46); Black Panthers — 1,628 (0.18); Working Women — 1,543 (0.17).

About 935,000 — or 69.05 per cent — of the 1,354,794 eligible voters cast their ballots.

Meisel said yesterday that "many thousands" of Histadrut members — including some veteran members — did not vote because of "mismanagement."

Anti-Semitism forces AJC to shut down in Argentina

NEW YORK (AP). — The American Jewish Committee said yesterday it was closing its office in Buenos Aires because of anti-Semitism and threats against the life of its Argentine envoy.

Richard Maas, the Committee president, said the office would not be reopened unless the Argentine government takes strong measures against anti-Semitism and arrests those who harassed and threatened the envoy.

Maas blamed the threats made against the life of envoy Jacobo Kovadloff and his family on right-wing extremists who hope to bring

down the ruling military junta headed by President Jorge Rafael Videla.

The Committee has asked the U.S. to formally protest against the harassment of its representative.

Kovadloff, who is Argentinean, and his family arrived in New York City on Wednesday. The family was reported in seclusion. Maas said Kovadloff, a well-known spokesman for Argentina's 400,000-member Jewish community, hopes to return home soon.

Maas said the Committee is not satisfied with the Videla government's attempts to stamp out anti-Semitism.



A change in the command of the Jerusalem Police Division was celebrated yesterday at the Kishleah police station in the Old City. Tat-Nitav David Kraus (seated at center), division commander, has been appointed head of the administrative branch at national police headquarters. His assistant, Nitav Zvi Ben-Eliahu (seated at right), will succeed him. Seated at left is division spokesman Baruch Meir.

Ashdod container terminal dedicated

ASHDOD (Itim). — The modern container terminal in the port here was dedicated yesterday with a bottle of champagne smashed on the base of the largest crane, and workers and management pledging a new chapter in the history of the dispute-prone port.

The terminal was opened after 18 months of negotiations between the works committee and management over cuts in manpower necessitated by the computer-coordinated machinery.

Directly after the ceremony, workers started unloading the Andrus, a container freighter. The management and members of the works committee retired to an office to say goodbye to outgoing port manager Yitzhak Kimhi.

TOURISTS who dial 640840 in Haifa will receive an English listing of events in that city for a three-day period. The service is available 24 hours a day.

Call for truce

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said. "The tie between Israel and the U.S. are strong, deep and enduring."

In a tough-sounding address in Hebrew, English and Yiddish, ZOA President Rabbi Joseph Sternstein declared his organization's "approval and endorsement of Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria." Refraining from such settlement, he said, "will not buy goodwill or favour from our enemies, nor should it make enemies of our friends."

Sternstein accused elements in the State Department and other officials of the Carter Administration of playing a "devious game" in the course of recent negotiations. "It seems that the State Department's machinations are coupled with brandishing the recent Brookings Report as 'God's own word' on Middle East policy."

Also mentioning the Rogers plan, Sternstein said that all of these plans would "result in the smothering of Israel's security."

Among those attending were President Ephraim Katzir, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis (whom convention chairman Jacques Torcy introduced by saying he hopes Lewis will soon be Ambassador in Jerusalem, which caused Lewis to smile broadly), several cabinet ministers and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek.

PROF. FRIEDMAN TALKS TO MKs
No such thing as free lunch
(the rest is interpretation)

Professor Milton Friedman concluded his two-hour meeting with members of the Knesset Finance and Economic committees in Jerusalem yesterday with a succinct summary of his economic theory — "there is no such thing as a free lunch."

The controversial U.S. economist, here to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew University, aired his views on the full range of Israel's current economic problems.

The Government Press Office, reporting on the meeting, noted that he was adamant that the country's current inflation could only be curbed by limiting monetary growth by cutting down public expenditure. Likewise, he strongly recommended that the government should reduce its involvement in the economy, should relinquish foreign-currency controls, and should do away with tenant protection. He stressed, however, that these moves need not necessarily be made at once, but could be introduced gradually.

As for the problem of "stagflation" (inflation accompanied by lack of economic growth), Prof. Friedman said everything possible should be done to reduce "concealed unemployment" and to redeploy workers in more productive sectors of the economy. He suggested that the current tenant and job-protection laws prevented the mobility necessary for such redeployment. He noted that a law against dismissal was, in fact, a law against employment — because if an employer finds it difficult to fire an employee, he will be reluctant to hire a new one.

Prof. Friedman was also strongly opposed to the system of subsidies, and said that if subsidies must be paid, they should be paid openly. Aid to development areas should be in the form of grants rather than unlinked loans, he said, noting that while this would inflate budgetary figures, it would not burden the budget significantly in real terms.

Prof. Friedman did not believe that foreign exchange rate would affect inflation, noting that it would, however, encourage exports without the need for the present recourse to tax benefits for exporters — a practice of which he strongly disapproved.

As for the question of economic independence, he believes that this is a myth, and countries like Israel would have better advised to develop to their utmost their economic ties with other countries, thereby creating what he called a "mutual interdependence."

At the end of the meeting, the chairman of the finance committee, Shlomo Lomax (Agudat Yisrael), said he doubted that it was possible to summarize the theory of economics to a two-hour meeting as Friedman did. "Friedman is a single phrase: 'There is no such thing as a free lunch' — that is the sum of the rest is elaboration: go and learn it."

Friedman rose to the challenge with a neat parody of the learned sage: "There is no such thing as a free lunch — that is the sum of economic theory, the rest is elaboration."

Bomb suspects released

JERUSALEM Post Reporter PETAH TIKVA. — Police had released all suspects by last night in connection with Wednesday's explosion at the local municipal vegetable market, to which one person was killed and 20 others were wounded. About 100 Arabs who were in the vicinity at the time had been held for questioning.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has said that its agents planted the bomb.

The victim of the explosion, Tzila Galili, was buried yesterday in Petah Tikva. Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg, representing the Prime Minister, delivered a eulogy stressing the tragic fact that Mrs. Galili, a Russian immigrant and wife of an ally activist, had died in the country where she came to rebuild her life. On its way to the cemetery, the long funeral cortege passed through the streets of Petah Tikva, stopping outside the Central Synagogue, where Mrs. Galili's son said kaddish.

Nine of the wounded are still being treated at Beilinson Hospital, three reported in serious condition. One of the latter is a young man from Nabhus whom police have discounted as a suspect because marketplace people vouch for him.

One wounded woman is reported in very good condition at Sharon Hospital, and a pregnant woman at Sheba Medical Center is said to be recovering after a complicated hand operation.

Itm reports that Petah Tikva Mayor Yisrael Feinberg has renewed his urgent request for Border Police patrols in the city. Declaring that such patrols in Tel Aviv, Netanya and Kfar Saba had proved their effectiveness, he noted police officials about the matter but has not yet received a reply. He pointed that hundreds of Arabs from the administered territories come to Petah Tikva daily to work or to shop.

Wednesday's was the third sabotage explosion in the city in the past year.

Study on power station 'one-sided'

HAIFA. — Technion Professor Michael Porch yesterday described as "unacceptable" an Israel Electric Corporation report on the expected environmental effect of the coal-fired power station it is now building at Hadera.

He noted that the Ilim study must be considered "completely one-sided," since it was made by the IEC itself, without an independent check of its data or conclusions. The report said the station would have no adverse effect on the environment.

The first of the station's four generating units is slated to start operating in 1980.

Prof. Porch, specialist in environmental fluid mechanics, was asked by The Jerusalem Post to comment on a symposium held at the Tel Aviv Medical School on Tuesday. Speakers, including IEC representatives, said that the station would not exceed the air-pollution limits laid down by the Israel Standards Institute.

He reported that he himself had made a superficial study of the IEC report, and I dispute some of its findings. But he said he would have to make an exhaustive check of the findings in order to present an objective

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

critique. He said he had asked the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service for a ILA00,000 budget to make an objective check of the report, but the funds were unavailable.

"We are in the anomalous position where the IEC spends a large sum of the public's money to prepare a one-sided report, in order to show that its new multi-million-pound power station will have no adverse environmental impact, but we are unable to get a small fraction of that sum to check the study," he said. Former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz had denied the Environmental Service's request for ILA00,000 to check the report, and he hoped that the new minister would provide the funds.

Prof. Porch also took exception to the theoretical models on which the IEC study was based. He said there were "very large differences" in the results depending on the type of model used. Furthermore, experience had shown that theoretical models were very inexact. (Accor-

ding to a previous study by the IEC, the Reading D station should have no adverse environmental effect.)

As far as he could judge, the model used for the study had not taken into account all the effect of the proximity of the sea to the new station.

"The proper procedure would be for an independent check of the IEC study," he stressed.

He noted that in his Technion department of civil engineering construction had just started on a wind tunnel, to be completed by November, which would make possible a study, based on a physical model of the station and meteorological conditions at its site. It would be possible to imitate "dynamic management" of the station's operation. Forecasts from the Meteorological Service would be used to predict pollution effects on a day-to-day basis. "Then we would be able to order a changeover from coal to low-sulphur oil fuel for those days on which adverse conditions, such as a meteorological inversion, were expected."

He felt that such public management of a potential high pollution source should certainly be enforced.

Coalition talks resume Sunday

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Coalition talks between the Likud and the Democratic Movement for Change will be resumed on Sunday morning at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, the parties announced yesterday.

The DMC's negotiating team, which met at Prof. Yigael Yadin's home yesterday, decided to stress its coordination with the activities of the ministries involved in social affairs. The DMC wishes to discuss changes in the portfolios reserved for it. Prime Minister Menachem Begin has kept open the portfolios of Justice, Social Betterment, and Transport and Communications.

Approval seen of F-15 sale to Saudi

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The United States is expected shortly to approve the sale of 60 F-15 fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia, including 15 trainer models. "The Washington Star" reported yesterday from Riyadh. Diplomatic correspondent Henry S. Bradsher said that the expected U.S. announcement of the sale "might be paired with a promise to provide more warplanes to Israel... in an effort to make U.S. policy look balanced."

He said that Saudi Arabia's pres-

ing the U.S. to sell it the F-15s, "and is getting impatient with delays."

Any proposed sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia would have to be approved by the Congress, where pro-Israel members can be expected to state their opposition because of the fear that the planes might be used against Israel.

LOTTERY RESULTS. — The winning numbers in the Mifal Hapais draw yesterday were: (IL750,000) 240231; (IL100,000) 329788; (IL10,000) 132645; and (IL10,000) 518021. All numbers ending in 9 won IL10.

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protest assembly. The Committee for the Freedom of Movement on Roads, said early yesterday they would hold their meeting without a police permit at the junction of Hashomer and Sharett streets, where the accident occurred.

The committee includes representatives from Mapam, Labour, Citizens' Rights Movement, Democratic Movement for Change, Sheila and the secular neighbourhood committees.

Ephraim Koren, the Mapam representative, told The Jerusalem Post that the police had verbally given permission for the assembly a few days ago.

He charged that Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg was responsible for police refusal grant the permit.

However, Nitav Moshe Tiom commander of the Tel Aviv District, said the refusal was aimed at ensuring police order in a sensitive area.

Crowd stones officer

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A crowd in the Hatikva quarter here yesterday stoned a policeman when he arrested a suspected drug pusher, and tried to free the man, a police spokesman said.

The policeman was forced to hold a gun on the suspect until reinforcements arrived on the scene.

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Members of the Maccabiah national music troupe, which is accompanying the Mexican contingent to next week's Maccabiah, give a cheery wave as they step off the El Al Boeing which brought them from Mexico.

First teams here for Maccabiah

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — The first overseas contingents to the Tenth Maccabiah Games, due to open next Tuesday, arrived here yesterday in a blaze of colour.

First to arrive was the 160-strong Australian contingent, dressed in light-green suits and bright yellow hats sporting the distinctive team insignia of a kangaroo against the background of a Magen David. The cricket-bats carried by several members of the contingent attracted considerable interest, as this will be the first time that cricket will be played at the Maccabiah. The Australians arrived on two separate flights, the advance guard arriving by Air France, closely followed by the main contingent in an El Al Boeing.

Next to arrive were the Canadians, dazzling in their red-and-white uniforms and purple cowboy-hats. The 160-member Canadian contingent was followed by the small but versatile Dutch team, which will be competing in several events, including swimming, tennis and athletics.

The last team to arrive yesterday were the Mexicans, whose 100 athletes were accompanied by the Maccabiah national music troupe. A potentially embarrassing incident became merely amusing when one of the customs officials inadvertently asked the Mexican ambassador, who had come to greet the sportsmen, if he had anything to declare. The surprised diplomat presented his passport, and the matter was forgotten.

The Australians, who include several athletes who took part in last year's Montreal Olympics, have high hopes of taking several gold medals — but their team captain was too modest to say just how many, merely noting that they would do their best to win all they could.

El Al has set up a special team to handle the arriving sportsmen, and the various customs and immigration formalities went off smoothly and quickly yesterday. The only hitch in an otherwise faultless operation involved the Canadians, who were kept waiting a considerable time before the buses taking them to their hotel showed up.

40,000 schoolchildren still looking for jobs

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The worst period of vacation-time unemployment for youth since the 1954-55 recession is now plaguing labour exchanges throughout the nation.

"More than 40,000 schoolchildren eager to work instead of waste time want jobs, but we just don't have enough openings," Zalman Chen, spokesman for the Labour Ministry's employment service, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Chen described the situation as "painful and apparently insoluble," as providing summer jobs is an act of goodwill by private employers rather than a function of the state.

According to Chen, traditional summer work for children, beginning at age 14, includes such chores as gardening, light cleaning in industries and institutions, and filing and archival duties in business and educational institutions.

Does the serious onrush in summer jobs herald a wave of general unemployment? Chen doesn't think so. He showed The Post day-old statistics from Galilee and other areas indicating a stable job market with actual shortages of workers in certain areas such as Nahariya, Acre, and Carmel.

In Nahariya, a textile plant pleaded for — and received — 45 workers from Lebanon to keep production going.

"But the problem of jobs for schoolchildren really disturbs us," Chen repeated. "If anybody can offer work to a pupil — even for 10 days — he will be doing the right thing by calling his local labour exchange. We have set up special telephone numbers in the four large cities: In Jerusalem, 249281; in Tel Aviv, 280133; in Haifa, 623204; and in Beersheba, 24383."

UK seminar to honour dissident

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — About 150 of the world's leading scientists will gather in Oxford next week for a three-day seminar in honour of Professor Benjamin Levich of Moscow. Levich himself will not be there; the Soviet authorities have denied him permission to attend, but a scientific paper written by him and smuggled out of Moscow will be read. Other Soviet scientists who were invited have declined.

Among the seven scientists coming from Israel will be Yevgeni Levich, one of Benjamin's sons, who is now at the Weizmann Institute. His other son, Alexander, who is working in London, will also attend. Nobel Prize winner Sir Derek Barton, of Imperial College, chairman of the seminar committee, said yesterday in a press conference that the scientists will gather to mark Levich's 60th birthday, to review progress in the scientific fields in which he has a world reputation and "to make a public demonstration of the esteem in which he is held both as a scientist and as a man."

During the press conference, a telephone call came through from

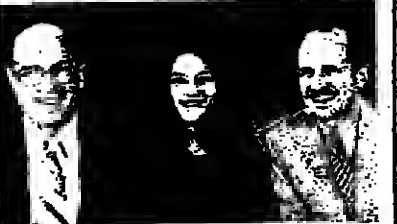


BENJAMIN LEVICH as a scientist and as a man. During the press conference, a telephone call came through from

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The American Ulpan, Israel's largest (over 35,000 alumni) private language school, is opening intensive summer classes on July 17 in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The ulpan uses the exclusive "Fluent Biblical and Modern Hebrew" series. This new series was created especially for English speakers. Students learn by the most sophisticated linguistic method not devised to read both with (the Bible) and without (newspapers) vowel signs and to speak colloquial Israeli Hebrew. Complete translations are provided. The authors, Robert Goldfarb and David Bivlin, state that monolingual English speakers will learn 2½ times more in only 10 lessons per week than in 29 lessons per weeks at a full-time residential ulpan.

Regular classes at all levels study two 50-min. lessons twice each week throughout the year. Reception hours are from 4.00-8.00 p.m. every day. In Jerusalem, the American Ulpan is located at 1 Rehov Shalom, Zion Square; in Tel Aviv at 158 Rehov Dizengoff; in Haifa at 13 Rehov Bialik.



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NEWSMAN MEETS ARAB TERRORIST CONVICTS

Gaza: Not one prisoner was tortured

Palestinian terrorist prisoners, permitted for the first time by Israel to meet freely with journalists, have alleged beatings and maltreatment on and immediately after arrest, but none claimed to have undergone actual torture.

The prisoners were speaking last week with the agreement of Israeli prison authorities, but outside their escort to a cameraman from the news-film agency, Visnews, and myself. We were the first newsmen permitted to participate in such an encounter.

The meeting took place in Gaza prison and I was freely permitted by authorities to choose at random former active members of terrorist groups we wished to speak to.

Israeli authorities have strongly denied the torture allegations and said "The Sunday Times" had declined to have them checked.

I spoke to close to 20 prisoners during the course of a six-hour visit to the jail. This is what they said, followed by the reaction of Israeli officials to whom I relayed the allegations.

Most of the prisoners I spoke to said they were manhandled by the troops who arrested them. Israeli military sources make no bones about admitting that actual arrest can be rough, since many of the suspected are armed, hard-core terrorists and try to shoot their way out of ambush.

A good number of those I spoke to said they were beaten to make them talk during subsequent interrogation. Only one prisoner said the alleged beatings had left permanent effects on him and that his hearing had since deteriorated.

The prisoners were delighted to tell their stories to the outside world and said they considered themselves soldiers. One said: "The Israelis too treated me as they considered me — they treated me as an enemy."

Israeli police sources said beatings were against regulations and that the prisoners had every latitude to complain either to courts or to the Red Cross.

"I have personally handled many of these complaints," one source told me at National Police Headquarters. "In 95 per cent of the cases, we found the prisoners were lying. In the other five per cent, we took action against the officers involved. Their punishments are known and have been published in the press."

Some of the prisoners complained that they had been made to stand against walls with hoods over their heads for long periods while questions put to them were punctuated by blows on the back or buttocks. One man said he had been left manacled naked.

"Again, all these treatments are absolutely banned," the police source said. "Certainly, interrogators who sometimes have only a short period to prevent a terror action against civilians, which we know is planned but not for when, are not going to treat men who proudly admit to being killers to VIP treatment."

"But torturing is just not our system. It's theirs. We have a case where one of their fellow Arabs, suspected of collaborating with us, was slowly roasted over an open fire to make him talk," the source said.

The most serious charges were levelled by Dr. Mohammed Rashad Musmar, who unlike the other prisoners does not consider himself an active participant in a war and feels his eight-year sentence is unjustified. Dr. Musmar, in his mid-40s, is considerably older and better educated than most of the other prisoners.

Dr. Musmar, a Gaza surgeon, was the only prisoner complaining of maltreatment who agreed to be identified in this story. He further agreed, at my suggestion, to outline his allegations to Israeli officers present, adding: "I am fair, there are no reprisals to be feared here."

Dr. Musmar was first arrested for terrorist activities in 1971. He was released after two years but later was tried a second time on similar charges. He was charged with illegal possession of arms and hiding three terrorists under his house; and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Dr. Musmar gave the following account in the prison director's office, seated face-to-face with an Israeli captain who often attends prisoner interrogations:

"On the first occasion I was arrested, in 1971, questioning took a long time, about four months. I was first questioned here in Gaza, then in Sarafand, then in Ashkelon, back here to Gaza and finally to Jalama. It was in Jalama that I was badly maltreated. I was beaten, stripped."

Earlier, Dr. Musmar told me that women members of his family had been slapped to make him talk. When I asked him about tortures such as those outlined in "The Sunday Times," Dr. Musmar said: "To me, nothing more happened than what I have described."

Much of our questioning of Dr. Musmar and the other prisoners dealt with what the British newspaper had called techniques which placed Israeli practice well into the realm of torture. These included sexual assaults and electric shocks.

Despite repeated questions on this, the only mention I heard of sexual assaults was of cases of rape between male non-security prisoners.

All the prisoners said they had not been tortured by electricity.

When I asked if he knew of any "third degree" (severe torture), Dr. Musmar replied: "I do not know...but I think that interrogations with maltreatment and severe beatings are almost always present."

Accusations of such treatments were made by Gaza residents at the height of the active terrorist campaign in the Gaza Strip from 1969 to 1971. Several Israeli officers were discreetly court-martialled then.

The Gaza Strip has been generally calm since. The last terrorist incident was nearly 10 months ago.

Dr. Musmar said the interrogators he encountered at the time were difficult to identify since they used Arabic nicknames among themselves.

(The second part of this report, dealing with prison conditions, will appear in Sunday's paper.)

Third arrest in exam leak case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Petah Tikva man was arrested at midnight on Wednesday on suspicion of being involved in the circulation of a mathematics bogru (matriculation) examination on the black market.

The man, 25, was tracked down on the basis of testimony from three girls in Jerusalem who received the exam from a friend.

The suspect, who is the third person to be detained in connection with the scandal, said he had "found the exam in the Petah Tikva market."

The two other detainees are Hama Harari, an employee of the Education Ministry's examinations division, and a 17-year-old boy.

Although the Ministry and police have not reported evidence of other stolen examinations, Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer told the Knesset on Wednesday that alternative exams were also being written for Bible and English.

This morning about 30,000 students in this academic stream will take an alternative Bible exam — printed on green paper, to prevent confusion with the original questionnaire. (Itim)

U.S. wants drug pedlar extradited

Attorney-General Gavriel Bach has asked the Jerusalem District Court to order the arrest of an Israeli citizen who escaped from an American prison in 1975 while serving a five-year sentence for drug peddling, and whose extradition has been requested by the U.S. Government.

Nuriel Nurieli was convicted in New York in March 1975 on a charge of conspiring with nine others to import and distribute in the U.S. large quantities of cocaine and hashish. He was sent to a Federal prison, but managed to escape after serving just five months of his term, turning up in Israel in May this year.

The extradition request, which was signed by the U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, noted that Nurieli is required to face a charge filed against him in Springfield, Illinois. The request has not yet been discussed by the Jerusalem District Court, but the Attorney-General said Wednesday that he had asked that Nurieli be detained while the extradition process is being completed in view of the serious nature of his crime and the fact that he is an escaped convict. (Itim)


Singer Kraus in the courts again

Singer and songwriter Shmuel Kraus was yesterday charged and immediately released on IL\$5,000 bail after his arrest on Tuesday for allegedly threatening a policeman with violence.

Kraus was arrested on Tuesday night on the way back from a film shooting location in Jerusalem. While he was driving along a Jerusalem street, his car broke down and a friend, who was driving another car, started to tow him. A policeman turned up at the scene and explained to the singer that improvised towing is forbidden by law. When the policeman stood before Kraus' car to prevent him from driving away, the singer told him to "move, or I'll finish you off," the prosecution alleges.

Kraus has a police record for various offences of drugs and violence. (Itim)

300,000 SCHOOLCHILDREN will be taken off their parents' hands for part of the summer holidays by various summer activities, including summer camps and youth movement projects, the Education Ministry's youth department announced Wednesday.



Main Events During the 80th National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America

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Tonight, July 8
8.30 p.m.
Oneig Shabbat marking 25th anniversary of ZOA House, Tel Aviv.
Entrance by invitation only.

Saturday, July 9
8.30 p.m.
Public session at the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.
Speakers: Moshe Dayan, Foreign Minister; Ezer Weizman, Minister of Defence; Shimon Peres, M.K.
Greetings of the City of Tel Aviv-Yaffo to the Convention: Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of the City.
Doors will be closed at 8.20 p.m. *

Sunday, July 10
ZOA House, Tel Aviv
9.00 — 11.15 a.m.
Discussion: Israel and American Jewish youth
11.15 a.m.
Discussion: Immigration and Absorption
3.00 p.m.
Israel and the Diaspora — discussion
Speakers: Moshe Shamir, M.K., Menahem Savidor, M.K.

8.30 p.m.
Festival of Song and Dance, Caesarea Amphitheatre. Participants: Yehoram Gaon, Mike Burststein, the 'We Are Here' Troupe, Inbal Dance Theatre, Zahal Orchestra, Tel Aviv-Yaffo City Children's Choir. Musical Director: Yitzhak Graciani; Conductor: Laslo Roth.

Monday, July 11
9.00 a.m.
Fashion Show for Convention Female Delegates, Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv. Entrance by invitation only.

5.30 p.m.
Festive ceremonies at Kfar Silver including Dedication of the Silvia and Alexander Hassan Technical Secondary School, with the participation of Arye Dulkin, Jewish Agency Treasurer.

Tuesday, July 12
8.00 a.m.
Breakfast plenary session, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv, with the participation of the Chief of the General Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur. Entrance by invitation only.

10.00 a.m.
Full session — economic affairs. Speaker: Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich.
Entrance by invitation only.

Wednesday, July 13
8.00 a.m.
Convention delegates visit Z.O.A. Youth Movement settlement group, "Masada," now setting up a village at Segev Bet, West Galilee development area.

8.00 a.m.
Closing banquet, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv.
Speaker: President Ephraim Katsir, Guest of Honour: Golda Meir, who will be presented with the Z.O.A.'s Theodor Herzl Gold Award Medal.
A limited number of tickets for sale at Z.O.A. House, 1 Rehov Daniel Frisch, Tel Aviv.

Tickets: Tel Aviv — Z.O.A. House, 1 Rehov Daniel Frisch; Hadran, 90 Rehov Ibn Gvirol; Government Tourist Office, 7 Rehov Mendele; Dan, Hilton, Plaza, Sheraton, Grand Beach, Ramada Continental, Astor, Samuel, Basel, Sinai hotels.

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BBC: British soldiers racing to guard Belize

LONDON (UPI). — Britain is rushing troop reinforcements to her tiny Central American colony of Belize to head off a threatened invasion by Guatemala, radio reports here said yesterday.

The reports carried by the BBC and independent radio news said 20 Royal Air Force VC-10 troop transports carrying troops for Belize passed through Bermuda, another British colony, every two minutes.

The Foreign Office and the Defence Ministry refused confirmation or denial.

"We never comment on reports of operational troop movements," a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

The same reports said a British frigate armed with anti-aircraft missiles is standing by off the coast of Belize.

Belize, the former British Honduras, has a population of 125,000, mostly blacks. It is Britain's last remaining colonial possession on the American continent.

The colony wants independence from Britain. But neighbouring Guatemala has contended for nearly 150 years that the territory should belong to it.

Belize has said she wants independence only after settlement of the dispute with Guatemala and only with effective guarantees by Britain against a Guatemalan invasion after a British pullout. Britain is reluctant to give such an open-ended guarantee.

Foreign Office Minister of State Ted Roup flew to Washington on Tuesday and began a new round of talks there Wednesday on the dispute with Guatemalan Foreign Minister Adolfo Molina Orantes.

Belize Premier George Price also took part.

U.S. officials said it would be "miraculous" if the two countries reached a solution during their Washington meetings. They said the best that could be expected is agreement on a date for further negotiations.

Asked about reports from Belize that Guatemala is mobilizing troops and Great Britain beefing up its forces there, the officials said the next three days are critical. But they declined to speculate as to what could happen in the area.

They also said the U.S. role has been limited to talking to both sides to "prevent the situation from spiralling out of control."

Labour Party on Wednesday suffered a blow in its attempts to keep in power with only a minority hold on Parliament when the country's largest union voted not to undertake a three-day strike.

The union's decision has renewed speculation that the middle-of-the-road Liberal Party, which has only 13 seats in the 355-seat House of Commons, might end its alliance with the 310-seat Labour Party, and force Prime Minister James Callaghan's government to resign.

The 1.9 million member Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) ignored the pleas of its moderate leader, Jack Jones, and demanded "a return to unfettered collective bargaining from August 1."

The TGWU's vote, held at their annual convention on the Isle of Man, comes on the heels of the 262,000-member National Union of Mineworkers, who are demanding up to £135 (about \$2,300) a week for top-paid coal-face

workers, around twice the present wage.

Labour is basing much of its plans for economic recovery on achieving a third year for its wage restraint policies. Callaghan has said a third year is vital if inflation, currently running at 17.1 per cent a year, is to be reduced.

Bargaining between the government and leaders of the Trades Union Congress, which represents most unions, to try to reach out terms for a third year of pay restraint is reported to have been tough.

The TUC is fighting to ease the present restrictions on wage rises while the government is fighting to retain enough of the policy's teeth to tackle inflation.

But as the government is trying to rein in the TUC on the one hand, political and economic observers here were arguing on Wednesday that the Liberals give the distinct impression that they would not wish to share the inevitable unpopularity that would be the lot of a Labour government.

UK pay demands imperil Labour-Liberal alliance

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The union's decision has renewed speculation that the middle-of-the-road Liberal Party, which has only 13 seats in the 355-seat House of Commons, might end its alliance with the 310-seat Labour Party, and force Prime Minister James Callaghan's government to resign.

The 1.9 million member Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) ignored the pleas of its moderate leader, Jack Jones, and demanded "a return to unfettered collective bargaining from August 1."

The TGWU's vote, held at their annual convention on the Isle of Man, comes on the heels of the 262,000-member National Union of Mineworkers, who are demanding up to £135 (about \$2,300) a week for top-paid coal-face

workers, around twice the present wage.

Labour is basing much of its plans for economic recovery on achieving a third year for its wage restraint policies. Callaghan has said a third year is vital if inflation, currently running at 17.1 per cent a year, is to be reduced.

Bargaining between the government and leaders of the Trades Union Congress, which represents most unions, to try to reach out terms for a third year of pay restraint is reported to have been tough.

The TUC is fighting to ease the present restrictions on wage rises while the government is fighting to retain enough of the policy's teeth to tackle inflation.

But as the government is trying to rein in the TUC on the one hand, political and economic observers here were arguing on Wednesday that the Liberals give the distinct impression that they would not wish to share the inevitable unpopularity that would be the lot of a Labour government.

Israeli moves into chess lead

AMSTERDAM (AP). — Vladimir Liberson of Israel won his eighth-round game and took the lead in the Grandmasters' group of the 17th Annual IBM Chess Tournament Wednesday.

The Israeli grandmaster was pitted against U.S. veteran Samuel Reshevsky and played black from a Sicilian Defence. He maintained a minimal advantage throughout the middle game but was still far from winning when Reshevsky blundered and had to resign at his 38th move.

Britain's Anthony Miles, who shared the lead with Liberson and American grandmaster Lubosh Kavalek after the seventh round, went down with black against Holland's Jan-Hen Donner and fell back to a shared third place. Donner, who celebrated his 50th birthday and received an ovation before the start of Wednesday's action, captured a gambit pawn early in the game, hung on to it and won after two full sessions and 77 moves.

Kavalek played white but agreed to a draw against Hungary's Andras Adorjan after only 25 moves from a King's Indian Defence. Kavalek is now in second place, half a point behind Liberson.

Further results of Wednesday's eighth round included: Genna Sosonko, Holland, Jan Timman, Holland, 1-0; Koster, Hulek, Yugoslavia, 1-0; Oscar Panno, Argentina, 1/2-1/2; Eugenio Torre, Philippines, 1-0; Hans Böhm, Holland, 1/2-1/2; Hans Ree, Holland, 1-0; Cor Van Wijgerden, Argentina, 1-0; Cor Van Wijgerden, Holland, 1-0; Stefano Tatai, Italy, 1-0.

Venezuela gives asylum to Chilean hijackers

LIMA, Peru (Reuters). — Venezuela has granted political asylum to four hijackers who seized a Chilean airliner and forced it to fly here, diplomatic sources said Wednesday night.



Spanish crowd looks from embankment at rescue operation for recovery of dead and injured from tour bus which ran off steep mountain road near Huesca yesterday. Twenty-four of the 56 elderly pensioners on board were killed. (UPI/telephoto)

Rhodesia talks stall

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP). — Talks between the Anglo-American team and the Rhodesian Front ended in deadlock yesterday because of differences of approach to a Rhodesian settlement.

Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, said after a two-hour meeting: "We cannot agree to the British government's latest proposals to hold a constitutional conference until the British government has been successful in removing the causes of war in Rhodesia."

Nkomo said he told John Graham, a British senior envoy, and Stephen Low, the U.S. ambassador to Zambia, that in order to remove the causes of the war in Rhodesia, Britain should "visibly indicate that they are prepared to hand over power to the Patriotic Front."

No agreement could be reached with the Anglo-American team because of "certain differences of approach" to the Rhodesia question, Nkomo said.

Nkomo said verbal agreement was reached on certain aspects of the new Anglo-American proposal for the Rhodesian constitutional talks leading to majority rule.

But, Nkomo said, what is important now is to grant the oppressed masses in Rhodesia their independence.

He said "a beautiful constitution without independence" was useless. The U.S. and Britain favour having these rights guaranteed in writing in a constitution before independence. Graham and Low left yesterday afternoon for Salisbury for talks with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

Bhutto, rivals to be freed before poll

RAWALPINDI (Reuters). — Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and other political leaders detained in a military coup on Tuesday will be set free before Pakistan holds general elections in October, a military spokesman said here yesterday.

They would be permitted to resume political activity in advance of the election period, but campaigning would be restricted to a maximum of one month, he added.

Pakistan's new martial law administrators will "very soon" announce arrangements for the election, the spokesman said. The exact date for the polls has not yet been fixed.

Two top opposition politicians yesterday called for the trial of Bhutto. The Pir of Figaro, the most senior opposition leader still at liberty after the takeover, told Reuters in an interview that Bhutto should be tried in

open court "for crimes against the community, the country and individuals."

Muhammad Hanef Ramay, former Chief Minister of Punjab province and a bitter critic of Bhutto, also said in a press statement after his release from prison yesterday that there should be an impartial inquiry into "his accomplices" for what he called the rigging of national elections in March and other misdeeds.

Bhutto is being held in what the army describes as temporary protective custody at Murree, a hill resort near the Kashmir border. Most of Pakistan's principal opposition leaders are also being held in government guest houses at Murree.

The newspaper "Nawal Waqt" yesterday said Bhutto had been informed of the military takeover a few minutes before 2 a.m. on Tuesday.

Mauritanian envoy shot in Paris

PARIS (UPI). — Mauritania's ambassador to France was shot and seriously wounded by two young gunmen outside his Paris home yesterday 10 days after French police withdrew a protective maximum security service around his home.

Ambassador Ahmed Ould Ghanahalla, 36, was hit by three bullets fired from close range through the rear window of his car on Avenue Malakoff as he was leaving home for the embassy.

A lone city policeman had no time to intervene in the lightning attack at 10 a.m. on the busy street. The two gunmen, both about 25, vanished into the morning crowd.

Rushed to the American Hospital by his chauffeur, the ambassador underwent surgery. Hospital officials said he was out of danger.

The shooting immediately sparked a controversy as to who was responsible for the attack.

An anonymous woman telephoned Agence France Presse news agency asserting the attack was carried out by the "Mustapha el Walli Sayed International Brigades." Sayed was the secretary general of the Polisario Front guerrillas fighting against Mauritania's and Morocco's annexation of the former Spanish Sahara.

Sayed was killed in June, 1976 during a Polisario attack on Nouakchott, the Mauritanian capital.

In Algiers, the Polisario Front immediately condemned the attack and charged the assassination attempt

was engineered by Moroccan secret services.

It said, "This provocation is vainly trying to discredit our people's struggle and to sow confusion. It is well known that Paris has always been chosen by the Moroccan intelligence services and their accomplices for the execution of similar tasks."

The statement appeared to be referring to the unsolved 1966 Paris murder of Moroccan opposition leader Ahmed Ben Barka by Moroccan secret services with the help of some French police officers.

The attack on the envoy stepped up tension between Morocco and Mauritania on the one hand and Algeria, the country helping the Polisario guerrillas, on the other hand.

Rightist Turks to restore old coalition

ANKARA (UPI). — Premier-designate Süleyman Demirel announced agreement in principle yesterday to reconstructing the right-wing coalition that ruled Turkey for two years before the June 5 general elections.

Demirel, 52, leader of the conservative Justice Party, made the announcement after meeting with Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the pro-Muslim National Salvation Party, which holds the balance of power in the newly elected National Assembly.

Demirel, who has served three previous terms as premier, had already been assured of the support of the neo-fascist National Action Party.

The three parties hold a total of 229 seats in the 450-member assembly. They joined forces on Sunday to defeat the short-lived moderately leftist minority government of Süleyman Ecevit in a vote of no-confidence.

Following the vote, President Fahri Korutürk asked Demirel to form a government.

'Urban terrorist' arrested by KGB

MOSCOW. — The KGB announced yesterday that they have arrested a man for setting off an explosion in Moscow, a rare disclosure of urban terrorism in the Soviet Union.

The announcement transmitted by Tass news agency, said the bomb exploded on June 11 in a taxicab outside the Sovetskaya Hotel, which is on a main thoroughfare outside the city's center.

Tass said the arrested man, who was not identified, confessed responsibility for the explosion and blamed it on "new motives."

The explosion at the Sovetskaya, where many Westerners stay on business trips, had not been reported in the Soviet press.

On Wednesday, meanwhile, Malva-Landa, a member of a Moscow-based Helsinki Monitoring Panel, left on Wednesday to begin her sentence of two years' exile in a remote area of eastern Siberia, discredited sources reported.

Mlanda, 38, a noted geologist, was sentenced to the term in internal exile on May 31 after being found guilty of damaging state and private property by setting fire to her own apartment.

Tribal-chief image charms Idi Amin's fellow Africans

LIBREVILLE, Gabon. — The Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit conference, just ended here, provided yet another insight into the strange fascination exercised by Ugandan President Idi Amin on his fellow African leaders.

From beginning to end of the four-day conference of African chiefs of state, his bawling, bemedaled presence never failed to elicit laughter or applause from the continent's assembled elite.

Even Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, a respected humanist who has never hidden his contempt for Amin's antics, remained strangely silent when newsmen asked him why he had not denounced the Ugandan leader here.

For that matter, no one bothered to condemn wholesale atrocities said to have taken place in Sekou Toure's Guinea.

The delegates here know perfectly well that the modern world does not — and should not — tolerate Amin's bloodthirsty clowning.

But for many Africans, Amin is the perfect model of the pre-colonial African tribal leader — flamboyant, feared, ruthless, but always respected.

Moreover, Amin's highly professional manipulation of the Western press, which somewhat sickeningly relishes his every antic, rubs off on his fellow African leaders. For better or worse, Amin

has become the best known African, bar none, and has put Africa on the world map.

Left unsaid, moreover, is the deep-seated African inferiority complex which tolerates the double standard of ritually denouncing repression by White minority regimes while turning a blind eye to the systematic violation of human rights carried on in most Black African countries.

The truth is that almost all leaders of independent Africa are frightened men haunted by the continent's capacity for coups. In their hearts, they know they either have resorted to the most draconian methods, or would not hesitate to do so at the slightest provocation, to remain on their uneasy thrones.

Preventive detention, censorship, persecution of dissidents, and worse have become such common currency that it is easier to draw up the handful of African countries which manage to respect some, if not necessarily many, basic human rights, than to list those who flout them.

The unspoken fear among the continent's more thoughtful and decent citizens is that Africa had best be used to more African rulers.

The conference hall in the OAU conference hall are full-time participants in the African power game — and this may explain their indulgence for one of their own. (Washington Post News Service)

South Africa FM slams race-sex laws

PRETORIA (AP). — Foreign Minister R.F. "Pik" Botha has urged the repeal of laws which prohibit sexual relations and marriage across the colour line in racially divided South Africa.

The outspoken foreign minister was siding with Agriculture Minister Hendrik Verwoerd, who earlier this week launched the same appeal for abolishing laws known as the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marriages Act.

"My personal opinion is that these laws are not necessary for our survival," Botha said in an interview published yesterday. His office here confirmed the report as accurate.

Laws against interracial sex in South Africa date back to the Immorality Act of 1937, which forbade sexual relations between Whites and Blacks. It was amended in 1950 to outlaw any sexual relations between the races.

The Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act of 1949, amended in

1968, bans marriages between Whites and other races in South Africa.

Between July, 1975 and June, 1976 there were at least 417 cases of sexual intercourse between whites and blacks investigated under the Immorality Act, according to a recent report in Parliament.

Prime Minister John Vorster earlier this year said in an interview that repealing the two laws "would not work out."

In another development, M. Steyn, a South African supreme court judge, has been appointed Administrator-General of South Africa, Vorster's office announced last Wednesday.

The appointment of the 57-year-old lawyer to the newly created post is the first step by South Africa to follow a partial agreement for the disputed territory worked out by Western Powers and the South African government during several meetings since April.

U.S. Neutron bomb already tested

LAS VEGAS (UPI). — The neutron bomb already has been exploded under the Nevada desert, according to sources close to the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program.

At least one neutron bomb has been detonated at the Nevada test site 113 kms north of Las Vegas, the sources confirmed late on Wednesday.

One expert familiar with the program declined to say whether there had been more than one test, or how long testing of the bomb has been under way.

The White House said Wednesday that President Carter plans to decide in mid-August whether to go ahead with production of the radiation warhead, centre of a dispute in Congress.

A dozen or more nuclear warheads a year are expected at the test site, as the explosions have become almost routine in the lightly populated desert area.

Since a treaty with the USSR outlawed tests in the atmosphere many years ago, all U.S. nuclear tests have been conducted deep underground, where the neutron bomb's lethal burst of radiation would be contained by thousands of metres of earth.

Although the powerful burst of radiation kills or fatally injures human beings in the immediate area — dosing those within 800 metres with up to 8,000 times the radiation in a medical X-ray — the sources said troops could move into the blast site relatively soon after the explosion, because neutron radiation does not linger long, unlike some other forms.

Opponents argue it will threaten disarmament talks with the USSR and make nuclear warfare more likely by making some nuclear explosions less devastating.

Proponents say it is needed as a tactical battlefield weapon to fight larger conventional ground forces, and as a method of using advanced weapons against an enemy without

destroying whole cities.

The Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), which took over the activities of the defunct Atomic Energy Commission, has reported after its recent blasts that no radiation escaped into the atmosphere.

An ERDA spokesman would neither confirm nor deny the report that the neutron weapon had been tested.

The sources said the force of a neutron bomb explosion would be low by nuclear standards, although it exploded above ground it would produce the characteristic mushroom cloud and cause some blast damage to buildings near the explosion.

"But the weapon would have a lower yield (of explosive force) than most nuclear weapons and, as a result, when the weapon goes off, it has a prompt release of neutron rays, which are lethal, but the release is enhanced," they said.

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* July 18, 8 p.m., Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv

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The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Zubin Mehta

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TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

... questions and answers about Halachah. "You Were There" the debate about the Uganda offer by Joseph Chamberlain in 1903. Leonard Bernstein's "Kaddish No. 3" to round up a happy-go-lucky evening's entertainment.

The night for this tough diet was chosen with fiendish skill, because Jordan promised to be even duller with several hours devoted to the celebrations in the Zerga district of King Hussein's silver jubilee.

Much to my surprise, the two main items proved to be absorbingly interesting. Hanna Zemer handled the Uganda project with her usual skill, grace and tact; she kept the show going at surprising speed. Amos Elon didn't look much like Theodor Herzl, but he spoke very much like him; Ya'acov Tsur, that most tolerant of men, seemed to enjoy being an obstinate and intractable Ussishkin; Yigal Eliam breathed with the fire of the young "Zealans"; and the two shallow, self-righteous British intellectual, Israel Zangwill. Maybe next time Hanna will dress her actors in fancy dress. This will prove more fun for both them and us.

The merits of the argument about whether the Jews should have accepted the offer to go to East Africa as a "station on the way to Zion," a colony before they had a mother country, as Herzl put it, are almost impossible to evaluate because of hindsight. True, 30 years later the terrible calamities feared by Herzl did overwhelm the Jews of Europe, but as a very dry matter of fact, the way that millions would have gone to Uganda or Kenya decades before they went to the extermination camps. Would we have been better off fighting Kenya and Kikuyu, Idi Amin and the Ugandans, as well as the Arabs? One must doubt it. The woman on the programme who asked that the nobility of the white world, the white African, reminded me of Tom Sawyer's Aunt Sally, who, told that a river-boat had blown a cylinder head, asked Huck Finn if

out the number of films to three a week, reduced shows, and instead provided cultural activities such as photography, handicrafts and music appreciation clubs. The star attraction be planned was Bar-Ilan's courses which would earn soldiers regular credits towards a degree.

Ella men were not too keen on this sudden influx of "intellect" into what had been a very material life. They preferred to "wind down" in the evenings, rather than apply their minds to new activities.

As for the disguised plane, the officers wanted to turn it into a discotheque while the educationally-minded commander had it earmarked for a library.

The officers won. But while they were fitting out the inside, an electrical *faux* set the entire fuselage alight. "You see," said the commander, "this was meant to be a library." The others were convinced.

Thankful that the scarred and blackened plane was still repairable, they bung the following Biblical quotation by the entrance (Exodus 3, 2):

"...and be looked and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."

BIBLICAL BYWAYS / Louis I. Rabinowitz

GENEALOGICAL lists make dry reading, and the list in the 38th chapter of Numbers, which is included in the portion read tomorrow, is among the most boring. It gives the second census of the Children of Israel, some 38 years after the previous one, and with one single exception no biographical details are given about any of the persons mentioned.

The exception refers to the two accomplices of Korach—Dathan and Abiram — of whom it is recorded, "they are the Dathan and Abiram, the elect of the congregation who strove . . . against the Lord" and the dire punishment which overtook them, so that "they became a sign." But it is not with these two traditional malcontents that this column deals but with one who appears just as a name and no more. He is Nemuel.

Who was Nemuel? He was none other than the brother of Dathan and Abiram, the two such conspirators and trouble makers. We know apparently nothing about him, although apparently he was the eldest of the three brothers. He was not of "the

elect of the congregation" as were his brothers, and one is almost tempted to regard him as a *schlemiel*, with none of the arrogance, ambition or self-assuredness which characterize his two younger brothers.

He was a humble, undistinguished loyal follower of Moses. As far as we know he never questioned or doubted the validity of the divine commandments. But when the conquest of the Land took place and the descendants of Eliab and the Gileadites entered into the inheritance, it was Samuel who came into his inheritance, bore children and assured the continuity and survival of the Jewish people.

I confess to a great affection for this ordinary, humble member of what is called *amcha*, the unknown musket-bearer, always in the shadows. He never gains fame or notoriety, and in his death is in a life he is virtually anonymous. Not for him a niche in the hall of fame. He is insignificant, unheralded and unsung. But he is the backbone of the people, those who assure its continuity throughout the ages.

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER



THE STAR of the new movie "Hershele" Mike Burstin, is one of those rare child actors who has survived on the stage until the ripe old age of 32. When we met recently, he proudly told me that he was celebrating his 25th year in show business. He is also a rarity in Israeli entertainment circles in being one of the few American-born actors to have succeeded in breaking into the closed clique of Hebrew film theatre and light entertainment.

Mike was virtually born into the theatre — the Yiddish theatre of New York's Second Avenue, where his parents were well known old-time Yiddish music hall personalities. At the age of seven, he and his twin brother, Sam, appeared with their parents as "The Burstin Family" and most of his childhood was spent on the road, touring North and South America, Canada, Europe and South Africa.

In his teens, Mike spent a year in an Israeli high school, whilst the family were making appearances here. "In those days, an American newcomer was a rarity," said Mike. "I appeared with the kids in school. They laughed at the Yiddish accent in Hebrew, and even more at my American clothes."

When he decided to stay here, and to try to make a career, he had more difficulties. By that time his Hebrew was fluent — but he didn't "fit" into the show business clique. He hadn't got the same show movements as all the others, nor was he a product of the army entertainment troupes — the nursery and exclusive "club" of most local actors and entertainers.

His first big break came with the local production of "The Megilla of Esther Manger," a "Yiddish" musical which he performed eminently well qualified, and in which he landed a leading role. The longest-running Israeli production ever in those pre-"Fiddler on the Roof" days, it also took him to Broadway, and established him firmly in his career in Israel.

"There are times when I feel a little guilty, not having desired in my heart to do something I had to do, to prove that I could establish myself in my own right. My sister also stopped appearing with them when she married, and although they still work sometimes, my parents have a difficult time these days, with the Yiddish theatre of the kind they knew in a decline. I think they are happy about my success but there are some feelings of resentment."

As a singer, Mike's first big success here was in 1967 when his

The recent sequel "Kuni Lemel in Tel Aviv" where he plays the part of a traditional Jewish folk hero.

Between the two Kuni Lemel films, he took a break from Israel, "sitting around in Los Angeles, hoping to get into Hollywood." He got some small parts, among them an appearance in the American T.V. production of "QB VII"; his Israeli wife studied cinema costume design and their two sons were born during that period.

Two years ago, his wife had to fly back to Israel for family reasons. Mike decided to give up waiting for Hollywood to "discover" him, and joined his family. "Since then, I have been busy telling my kids that even when the time to sell my flat or my car is in Los Angeles..." He plunged into work on the second Kuni Lemel film and, being a tri-lingual, professional entertainer able to ed-lib jokes in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, found himself much in demand in a variety of work, from local T.V. panel games to co-hosting the Merv Griffin American talk show, making numerous appearances on numerous comedy and singing appearances both here and abroad.

Mike's varied talents have earned him comparison with Danny Kaye. In reality, he is an adaptable and businesslike young man with natural charm. He can switch in seconds from Israeli folk singer to a Jewish ethnic Jewish acting role, or, with equal ease, become a slick, wise cracking dinner-jacketed comper at an elegant function. His *chutzpa*-apiced humour in delivered gently enough to elicit laughs, without being offensive.

In Mike's most recent film, released in the end of June, he plays Hershele, a Russian musician who happens to be Israel's three millionth immigrant. It is a musical comedy, with some authentic aspects of Israeli life thrown in. Many of the characters and situations are trite and stereotyped, but designed as a vehicle for Burstin himself. As such, it successfully presents a hot-and-a-half of family entertainment.

Should anyone doubt the authenticity of the story itself... Mike tells me that, shortly after the film's release, he was introduced to a "real" Hershele; a young Russian immigrant who, unbeknown to the film's scriptwriters Joel Silberg and David Gurfinkel (also the director), is alive and well and living in Ofakim where he has set up a local youth orchestra. Perhaps by now he may even have enlisted some Vietnamese musicians too.

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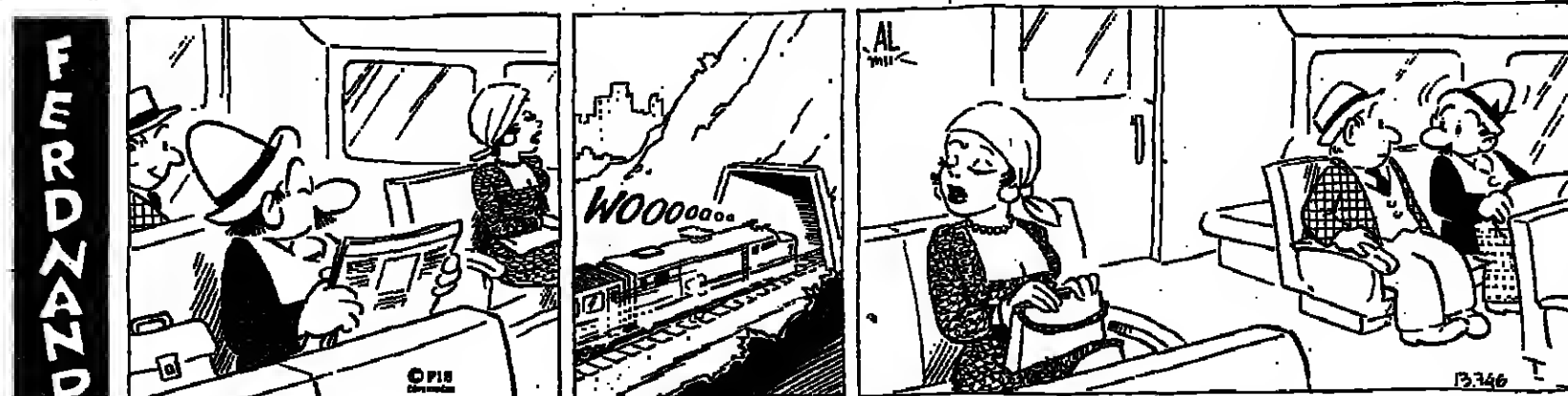
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Enquiries to Rabbi Moshe Rose, Ex-
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JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Central Synagogue: King
George 44, 12.45 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Mincha 12.45 and 2 p.m., Mishan Shiva
5.30, Hebrew lecture 6.30, Ma'ariv 7.30
Hechal Shalom: Friday: Mincha &
Ma'ariv 5.30 p.m., Oneg Shabbat 9.00 a.m.,
Shabbat morning: Shabbat 8.00 a.m.,
Mincha Hagadolah 12.45 p.m., Women's
Shul 4.15 p.m., Pirkei Avot by Rabbi M.
Kirschbaum 5.30 p.m., Mincha followed by
Shul by Dr. Z. Warhaftig, 6.30 p.m.,
Ma'ariv 7.30 p.m., Melave Malka for
Tourists 9.00 p.m.
Ezra (Hechal Shalom): Friday:
Mincha & Ma'ariv 5.30 p.m., Shabbat mor-
ning: Shabbat 8.30 a.m.
Beit Hillel Shabbat (Hechal Shalom):
Friday: Mincha & Ma'ariv 6.30 p.m., Shab-
bat morning: Shabbat 8.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conser-
vative) Rehov Agron 4: Today: Mincha
6.30 p.m. Shabbat: Shabbat 8.30 a.m. Dvar
Torah: Rabbi Yosef Green. Mincha 6.30
p.m. Midrash lesson (English) Prof.
Simon Greenberg.

TEL AVIV

Kehillat Sinai (Conservative) Bnei Brith
House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner
Hameretzim: Shabbat: Shabbat, 9 a.m.,
sermon on Parashat Hashavim, 9 a.m.,
Kehillat Ramat Aviv: Beit Hamor, 37
Rehov Ha'Universita; tonight 8 p.m.
Sermon: Yehoram Mazar.

Christ Church (Anglican) opp. Citadel 6
a.m. Holy Communion 6.45 p.m. Evening
Service
Hadarim Church (Lutheran, Muriel
Rd., Old City, Jerusalem), English: Sun-
days — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel.
(Tel. 282643)
Church of Scotland (Freebyterian, near
Railway Station, Jerusalem, Tel. 37701,
Sunday Morning Service, 10.00 a.m.,
Church of the Nazarene 33 Nablus Road,
Jerusalem, Sunday 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.,
Tel. 288328,
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Jerusalem): Saturday services. Bible
study: 9.30 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

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Friday

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nal, ophthalmology), Bikur Holim
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surgery).
Haifa: Carmel (all departments), Ram-
sam (ophthalmology).
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Saturday

Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (pediatrics)
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to Beersheba & Dimona: 12.30

FROM TEL AVIV (Centre)
to Haifa: 8.00, 7.00, *8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00,
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20.00
to Nahariya: *8.00, *12.00

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* General clerk (f) required from 08.00-12.00. Write P.O.B. 884 for 8, Haifa.

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* New hairdressing salon requires experienced hairdresser and apprentice (f) for blow dryers. 722203.

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By MARTIN STERN

Special to Jerusalem Post

Partition for South Africa

Veteran politician David Hacoen, who has been a diplomat and a Member of Knesset among his varied and often colourful activities, recently returned from a visit to South Africa. He sums up here his views on one of the Republic's fundamental problems.

THE LAWS of *apartheid* introduced by the descendants of the white settlers seem quite incomprehensible to the non-South African. The first settlers, who arrived from Europe at the beginning of the 17th century, were not pirates or adventurers. On the contrary, they were either Dutch East India Company or French Huguenots fleeing religious persecution. They were, in fact, staunch adherents of the Bible and loyal to its values.

Yet when they gradually established a new homeland for themselves they treated the black people living among them with violence and contempt. They had no hesitation in enslaving them or taking their land by conquest or fraud.

In the 300 years after the first white settlers arrived, Europe underwent many stages of political and social revolution. But the ways of the French Revolution failed to reach the southern end of Africa and later egalitarian and democratic movements likewise failed to reach so far.

Today the four million South African whites have attained one of the highest standards of living in the world. Yet they lack a basic concern for the 15 million natives who have — by their labour in field and mine — contributed so greatly to the wealth of their employers.

The injustice of the *apartheid* regime has become all the more glaring with the achievement of independence by all the other peoples of black Africa over the past 20 years. With 200 million black people enjoying complete equality in the family of nations, the complete abolition of the *apartheid* laws should be a pressing moral duty.

However, the establishment of complete political equality in South Africa between white and black, when the latter outnumber the former by five to one, is another matter, the granting of equal democratic rights to both would mean the end of the white minority, and be a blow to all the inhabitants.

It is unacceptable that the white minority be left to the mercies of the black African majority, particularly now that we know how things have shaped up in independent black Africa, and most notably the activities of Idi Amin.

Were the South African authorities to introduce full democratic equality, the black majority would naturally identify with their brothers elsewhere in Africa and, incited by the latter, would take drastic parliamentary means to undermine the position of the whites and bring

disaster upon the country. No one in his right mind could urge the South African government to adopt such a course.

Though I have no right to offer advice, after so brief a stay in South Africa, I nevertheless venture to suggest what seems to me the only way of solving the problem of democratic equality. This would be to set up separate states for each of the two communities, white and black, within the territory of the present Republic.

The country would be partitioned into two states in just proportion to the numbers of whites and blacks, each of which would then be under its own rule, democratic or otherwise as the inhabitants may wish. But even before such a surgical operation the South African government should abolish the apartheid restrictions and grant democratic equality to the two and a half million Asians and Coloureds.

Many of the latter are in fact the direct descendants of people who came into the world nine months after the arrival of the first European immigrants three centuries ago, or after each of the following waves of immigration. The former are Indian and other immigrants who came to Africa when it was under British rule. In ways that paralleled those of the whites. These people, 2.5 million of them, are entitled to equality with the whites, as they have no tribal territory on which to set up an independent state.

Such a revolution in the status of the Coloureds and Asians could lead either to their assimilation into South African society and into the existing democratic parties or to the creation of new parties. This translation would increase the population of what remained of South Africa after the removal of the native African states and bring it up to about 25 per cent of the present figure.

The Republic of South Africa is today a territory of about 1.2m. sq. km., much of it with a wonderful climate, and rich in agricultural and mining resources. The establishment of independent states for the black tribes would, I am convinced, serve as a great challenge to them. Each would be encouraged to make enormous efforts to develop the resources of its own territory, independent of foreign tutelage.

SURGERY of this kind cannot be done in a single day or a single year. It will take great efforts especially by those directly affected, plus the mediation and practical help of every state in the civilized world, in-

cluding Africa. It involves the partition of a rich and developed country, and will require economic and political guidance afterwards.

The process would be very complicated. It would start with international efforts to convince the ruling whites to lend a hand to this enormous transformation. It would involve active international guidance for the new black states, as compensation for their exploitation over the centuries and for the failure to educate them in self-government. But a mutual concern for peace, together with the economic links between all the states occupying the partitioned territory of the present South Africa, would lead to an economic upsurge.

An influx of perhaps more than a million foreign workers from these new black states to white South Africa on contracts for jobs at equal pay would pose no problem other than the usual ones that come up between management and unions. And the wealth that would accrue from such fair wages would circulate through the financial bloodstream of the country.

The foreign workers, who would remain citizens of their own countries (like the millions of great-workers in Europe) would not be entitled to political rights — other than their work permits — in the host country, and thus would not disturb its racial balance.

This programme may sound like a utopian fantasy, but it can be done. It is a solution that will demand much patience and goodwill, but it is feasible. And I am certain that it is preferable in many ways to the pressures, embargoes and boycotts now practised against South Africa, which have no result other than to perpetuate today's unhappy situation, and add fuel to Communist propaganda.

Finally, let me add a few lines



David Hacoen

about Israel-South African relations, in the light of the calls made for Israel to reduce its trade and other relations with Pretoria. The tangled problem of South Africa will not be solved by waving a magic wand or hidden any more than it will through terror, tanks or airplanes. Let us not forget that we here in Israel face problems which others — whether honestly or through intentional dishonesty — choose to regard as similar or parallel to those of South Africa. Because we are angered at surrender to the Arab boycott and at the wilful disregard of our inalienable rights and our efforts to achieve a peace settlement, so must we strive for vigorous international efforts to help and convince South Africa to solve its own problems. We should not let ourselves be misled into mistaken action by extremist propaganda aimed at toppling the Republic of South Africa and leaving in its place a heap of ruins for both white and black.

We must continue to have open trade relations with South Africa, shunning the disguises employed by so many black African states to hide their true intentions. We should send high-level missions both to increase trade and to open an honest dialogue with South Africa's rulers on the solution of its problems.

We should take the same above-board approach with our friends in the West. Above all we must openly explain our position to the U.S. Government, if it is indeed true that relations between Washington and Pretoria are worsening.

Consultation of the Church and the Jewish people

CHRISTIAN COMMENT Oikoumenikos

People," affirmed the Consultation, recalling previous WCC statements about this, most recently at a WCC-sponsored gathering in Thailand in April.

The Jerusalem Report continues: "To no other people is the Church historically and theologically so intimately bound. It is a fact of history that Christianity has its roots in the Jewish community of the first century. Jesus was a Jew; he and his message cannot be properly understood apart from the early history of the Jewish people. Also the apostles and first disciples were all Jews. The Scriptures of the Early Church were the Scriptures of the Jewish People..."

What common convictions do Christians and Jews share? The Consultation stated: "Both worship God, as the One, who is Creator of all that is, who makes His will known to human beings and relates to them as Father, Teacher, and Redeemer. Both believe that God created men and women in His image; that they are called to be holy, are given stewardship under God over his creation and are accountable to God for the way they exercise this stewardship."

Both share, to a large extent, a common ethic, holding themselves responsible for their fellows, especially for those who are weak, poor, or persecuted. Both have a common hope, looking forward to a renewed creation, where all suffering will be done away with and God's will will be victorious in all realms and in every respect; inspired by this ultimate hope, they are called to work for greater righteousness."

Deep historic differences, however, are not to be glossed over. "These divergent interpretations," the Consultation noted, "have led to tension between the communities and hostile attitudes on the part of Christians, especially in the West." Consequently, the delegates reaffirmed their condemnation of anti-Semitism, as did the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948, calling it "sin against God and man."

In order to eradicate anti-Semitism, the Consultation asserted, "It is necessary that Christians face honestly their tragic history with regard to the Jews — a history which includes events like the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the Holocaust." There was placed on traditional convictions which have furthered anti-Semitic attitudes and attitudes on the part of Christians, and the need of efforts to present Judaism in a positive way. "The correction of dangerous trends in theology and biblical interpretation, important as this is for combating anti-Semitism," added the Consultation, "is no substitute for Christians meeting Jews and understanding them in their distinctiveness as Jews."

Proselytism both in its gross and its more refined forms was rejected in the strongest terms, as it has been in the past by the WCC. Recognizing that we live in a world of religious pluralism, it is vital that we treat

with respect those who differ from us, and that we strongly support religious liberty for all, delegates said.

At the same time, the Consultation, amidst the theological diversity of its participants, struggled with the question of how to define authentic Christian witness.

The WCC has explicitly affirmed the right to existence of the State of Israel on a number of occasions. The Consultation stated, "Our recognition of the State of Israel can be based upon several considerations, but for us it is especially motivated by our respect for the Jews in their identity and self-determination. For a great majority of Jews there is an indissoluble bond between the people and the Land."

"Our acceptance of the State of Israel should not be misinterpreted as an unqualified approval of all which this State does," the report continues. "It also leaves many unresolved questions. We recognize that through the ages the Jews shared this Land with others. Just as we respect the identity and the right of self-determination of the Jews, we respect also the identity and right of the Palestinian Arabs to self-determination. There are still many questions about the ways and means by which a just and durable peace in the Middle East should be achieved and how Christians possibly could play a role of reconciliation."

Proposed guidelines for the churches for inter-religious relations are eventually to be submitted to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The Jerusalem Consultation was an important step in the preparation of a proposal to be presented through the Department on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies. Working groups in North America, Europe, and in the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, had worked hard on draft proposals to which the Consultation gave consideration. "We are very much aware," said the delegates, "that the differences of opinion among us demand further study."

"Our dealing with these issues will show that in our thinking about Israel and the Jews, very important and vital tenets of our Christian faith are at stake. Is it too much to hope that Christians and Jews may live in creative tension, enriching and encouraging each other, despite the appalling record of the relationship between the two communities over the centuries?"

Correction: In the last Christian Comment column, a typographical error indicated that the increase in the number of Christians in Africa was 21 per cent per annum. This correct figure is 2 1/2 per cent.

Playing musical chairs

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS Yohanan Boehm



Gary Bertini

STARS do not change their constellations, but in the music world, changes are more and more the thing. Gone are the days when a conductor could lead the same orchestra for thirty or forty years — Eugene Ormandy seems to be the last to hold on (his conductorship of the Philadelphia Orchestra dates from 1931, and since 1938 he has been its sole artistic head). Changes in the direction of the world's great orchestras are discussed and written about for months before a decision is announced. Many columns were written when Leonard Bernstein left the New York Philharmonic, and the appointment of Pierre Boulez was opposed by many and defended by few.

Now, after six years, Pierre Boulez has left for Paris to do electronic research, and the search for a star conductor is on again. The decision has fallen in favour of Zubin Mehta who will take over in 1976, when he will leave his kingdom in Los Angeles. (To our great relief, Mehta will stay with the IFO as Musical Adviser). Carl Maria Giulini has agreed to take Mehta's place in Los Angeles. He is an independent enough personality to make his imprint on the programmes and the orchestra.

On our local scene there are also changes looming on the musical horizon. The Israel Chamber Ensemble has Rudolf Barshai as Musical Director and a new emblem for the occasion: initials "tsh" (for "Tish") (for Tishmoret Kaminer Israeli) and I.C.O. for its newly acquired status of "Israel Chamber Orchestra."

APPARENTLY, this new name also indicates a new beginning in programme policy and working standards. But why negate the fine past history of the Ensemble and omit Gary Bertini's name from the programme booklet altogether? His association as founder and chief conductor for ten years is nothing to be ashamed of. And it is obvious that the Chamber Orchestra is a continuation in its manpower and management of the Chamber

Ensemble. Wishing the old-new group prosperity and success, we also hope that stimulating programming, which was the outstanding contribution of the Ensemble to our music scene, will continue under the new direction.

Mendi Rodan has been appointed Musical Director of the Jerusalem Chamber Orchestra after Avy Ostrovsky left his charges. Mr. Rodan will spend some four months this season with the BCO, and his influence, one hopes, will help to consolidate the orchestra and put it on the national map.

Here, too, a change has been made in the name. The "Chamber" has been omitted as it was felt that, with the addition of more musicians and subsequently the widening of the repertoire range, the development points to an "Orchestra" in its wider sense. Maybe, too, the Beersheba have an inferiority complex about having "only" a Chamber Orchestra. So, Beersheba Orchestra it will be from now on. May it grow and prosper.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra has asked Gary Bertini to

take over the leadership of the JSO. Protracted negotiations do not seem to have come to a satisfactory conclusion yet, and we shall hear soon from Mr. Bertini about his other plans and programmes.

THE Haifa Symphony Orchestra has also announced a change in direction: Yuval Zalkow has been released from his duties as chief conductor and musical advisor of the H.S.O., and his place has been taken by Dan Fogel, of whom so far very little is known. He has been conductor of the Patah Tikva (non-professional) chamber orchestra and conducted a "Youth Concert of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra" this season. As Haifa seems to be a particularly difficult place for running a symphony orchestra, Dan Fogel is probably in double need of good wishes for success in his task.

Stanley Sperber has been appointed musical director of the Rishon National Choir. Sparbar, 35, American-born, came to Israel several times to conduct his New York Choir at the *Zimriah* and decided to stay on. In the meantime, he hit it off so well with everybody that he is now in charge of the Chamber Choir of the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem, where he also teaches; he conducts the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir; and has conducted the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestras.

The Rishon Choir founded in 1955 by Gary Bertini as a semi-professional choral group, quickly established new standards for choral singing under his energetic and dedicated direction. Today, some 80 singers from all walks of life come together in Tel Aviv twice weekly to practise for their numerous appearances with the IFO, the JSO, and in their own programmes. Avner Itai, the main conductor of the *Yehud Kibbutz* Movement Choir and an excellent exponent of cultivated choir training, has formed a chamber choir at the Tel Aviv University, thus adding a most important platform for music education and training at this institution.

Bridge logic

BRIDGE/George E. Levinrew

THE WINNING PLAY was missed by the declarer in a Jerusalem tournament. It provides an interesting demonstration of bridge logic. Let us put ourselves in the West seat:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass

The bidding:

WEST (D) EAST
1 NT 3 NT
2 NT 4 NT
3 NT 5 NT

Opening lead the heart three. What should have been West's analysis after seeing the dummy? He had on top eight tricks, two spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club. He had, in all, 28 high card points. The opening lead denied the king-queen of hearts, so South must have one of these two honours. Since North had overcalled he should have all the outstanding high cards, a total of nine or ten points.

One obvious source for the extra trick needed was in clubs, but declarer dared not finesse. So his

only hope was to put pressure on North. What would be the situation after declarer won seven tricks: two spades, four diamonds and one heart?

It would be most unlikely for North to hold the club king, and he would have to keep four hearts if he had any hope of setting the contract. So he would be left with four hearts and the king-doubling in clubs. All West had to do at this point would be to throw in North with a heart and enjoy the forced club return away from the king into the ace-queen. Here was the full hand:

Love all
NORTH
SOUTH
WEST EAST
1 NT 3 NT
2 NT 4 NT
3 NT 5 NT

In Memoriam David Clayton

Time on My Hands

THE DEATH in London last month of David Clayton will come as sad news to veteran Israelis who remember this paper when it was still *The Palestine Post*.

Written under the by-line of Micky Finn, Clayton's light-hearted weekly column *Time on My Hands* was read with pleasure every Friday. His great talent was to be able to entertain and at the same time build bridges between people of different nationalities, religions, background and outlook. As a result, civilian readers in war-time Palestine got as much fun out of his humorous but compassionate comments and observations on the current scene as did the thousands of English-speaking soldiers serving in the Middle East during the Second World War.

Through his association with Gershon Agron and members of the editorial staff of *The Post*, Clayton formed deep bonds of friendship with Israel. Although subsequently his work took him to many countries and despite his final, six year illness, David's affection for this country remained with him to the end.
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It's a nice place to visit, but...

Eliezer Whartman, who had come to Israel from the U.S., queries a group of visiting American-Jewish college students about their attitude to the Jewish State and the possibility of them settling here permanently.

THE FIGURES speak for themselves. In 1974, 3,393 Jewish men, women and children emigrated from the U.S. and Canada to Israel. The number dropped to 3,085 in 1975. It fell to 3,042 in 1976.

Obviously something is drastically wrong when two great Jewish communities numbering close to 8 million have only one out of 2,000 of their members opting to settle in Israel every year — and that, all too often, not necessarily for good. It is rather puzzling, too, in view of the fact that almost 40 per cent of the over 800,000 tourists who visited Israel last year alone came from the U.S. — and most of them were Jews.

Israel, it seems is a nice place to visit, but not to live — not for American Jews, at any rate.



Not interested in challenges? (HARTIS)

synagogue played little role in their lives. While they appreciated the importance of Jewish education, most of them possessed only a limited Jewish background. The majority had had a few years of Hebrew school, in most cases terminating with their bar mitzva or bat mitzva. A few had continued on to confirmation. One had attended a Hebrew day school, had continued through high school and was continuing evening studies at a Jewish Institute of higher learning while attending college.

All were unhappy over the state of Jewish education, believed that it was an uphill struggle. Although they were on a heavily subsidized Jewish Agency tour of Israel, few had any active contact with Hillel or with any other Jewish life on campus. Yet all of them thought that their trip had reinforced their Jewish identity.

"In that case," I asked, "why not come and settle here?"

THE REPLY varied, but it was clear that very few among them had even contemplated the possibility.

A number of students were candid enough to admit that they feared another war might break out, and they didn't want to go into the army and possibly get killed. Others said that they would not be able to adjust to a standard of living lower than the American. Still others cited the language barrier, or their "athome" feeling in the U.S. A number could not envision separation from their families.

What emerged was a saddening picture. This was supposedly a picket group of Jewishly-conscious youth — and yet they could not envision separation from the mass of Jewish students.

It used to be said that a Zionist was a Jew who solicited money from a second Jew in order to send a third Jew to Israel. Today, not even that holds true, for the bulk of the funds raised for Israel come from big givers who are not identified with — or who certainly are not active in — Zionist organizations. There is little to distinguish a Zionist from a non-Zionist today, when everyone wears the pin saying, "I am a Zionist."

The DMC reconsiders

WEDNESDAY'S decision by the Secretariat of the Democratic Movement for Change makes it almost certain that the party will join Mr. Begin's government, possibly even before the Prime Minister's departure for Washington at the end of next week. The possibility of a surprise reversal by the DMC Council, which must approve the final decision, should not, of course, be ruled out, but neither should it be given too much weight.

There is, however, a spectre haunting the DMC: this is the spectre of the party's 200,000 voters who will be asking what precisely has changed since it was decided, nearly a month ago, at the behest of Prof. Yadin, to say no to joining the Likud government. The main purpose of the negotiations which will now be resumed may well be to find face-saving formulas with which to answer this question.

At the tactical level, Prime Minister Begin has clearly outmanoeuvred the DMC's neophyte politicians. Judging by the conditions they originally laid down for joining the government, the only change so far has only been for the worse from the DMC's point of view.

This would seem to be the case in regard to the inflated size of the Cabinet; to the excessive concessions made to the religious parties, and the possibility of achieving any meaningful breakthrough on the issue of electoral reform. It is arguable that the DMC would have been in a better position to press its case on all of these issues had it decided to enter the government at the earlier stage — if that was at all possible.

A large segment of the DMC's rank and file and of its leadership is understandably driven by a visceral fear of remaining in the political desert for a full four years. The minority which voted against renewing coalition talks claims that this need not necessarily be so, and that there is a good chance that the present government will not last longer than a few months. To which those who favour joining in retort that such a course of events is not at all certain, and that in any case, given Israel's precarious international situation, it would be grossly unpatriotic to bank on a crisis to bring the government down.

The gravest danger to the DMC lies in the prospect of its assuming the image of an Independent Liberal Party writ large. This could happen if it insists on entering the government on the basis of mere face-saving formulas, rather than visible and tangible achievements.

The course of greater wisdom would be for the DMC to put off the conclusion of the negotiations until after Mr. Begin's return from Washington. By that time it should be clearer how much the Prime Minister really wants the DMC in his government, and what he is ready to concede in return for their joining in.

Closing the Eban file

ALL RIGHT-MINDED people who winced at the barassment of Abba Eban during the last three months will share in the sense of relief over the Attorney General's decision that the former Foreign Minister need not stand trial for foreign currency violations.

Prof. Barak's ruling means that Israel will be spared the self abasement entailed in dragging one of the country's outstanding citizens through the mud on such charges — after witnessing a Prime Minister give up his job, only a few months ago, in the face of foreign currency violations.

And yet, while we may all be thankful for the happy end to Mr. Eban's personal nightmare, it must be admitted that there is something missing in the denouement. Prof. Barak has long since established his credentials as an objective and courageous Attorney General. But there is room for some doubt whether the form of his statement clearing Mr. Eban is adequate, given the public atmosphere that has developed around the case.

There is, after all, a gap between the Attorney General's finding that no copy of the permit allegedly issued to Mr. Eban to hold foreign currency abroad has been found, and his conclusions "which arose from the findings that Mr. Eban had in fact received a permit in writing in 1967."

The Attorney General would be well advised, therefore, to publish in full the findings of the investigation on which he based his recommendations. He would be doing himself and Mr. Eban a service.

In a larger context, this may be the time to return to the suggestion made to former Finance Minister Rabinowitz, when the allegations were first vented against Mr. Eban: that our cumbersome foreign currency regulations be radically revamped. Mr. Rabinowitz was not very responsive to the plea; perhaps his successor, Mr. Ehrlich, will be.

Marc Chagall at 90

CREATIVITY seems to be a recipe for longevity. Marc Chagall, who marked his 90th birthday this week, is one of a long line of artists and musicians who have reached this great age with all their creative faculties intact.

But for us, Chagall is not just another artist, nor even just another Jewish artist. He is also the most Jewish artist of all time: his work is suffused not only with images of Jews and the shtetl, but with the cabalistic mysteries and hassidic joys of the stream of Jewish life that flows, and fills, like his images, somewhere over the rooftops of everyday life. His illustrations to the Bible, if nothing else, have helped make Jewish images as universal as the Bible itself.

Israel has special reason to honour Marc Chagall on this occasion, and not merely because of the marvellous windows and tapestries he has donated to Jerusalem. It is inexplicable, therefore, that nothing has been done here to mark his 90th birthday with a serious exhibition of his work.

Fostering Jewish solidarity

Formal, systematic consultation between American Jews and the Jews of Israel would help minimize friction between the two communities, says Zalman Abramov, director of policy studies for the American Jewish Committee. He is interviewed by David Krivine.

AS THE MOMENT of historic decision approaches concerning the future size and shape of the Jewish State, tensions between the Governments of Israel and the United States are mounting to a climax. This polarization creates an unprecedented dilemma for the American Jewish community — a dilemma which Zalman Abramov, former Deputy Speaker in the Knesset, is making his special preoccupation.

Mr. Abramov is one of the doves among the leaders of the Liberal party (now allied with Herut in the Likud). Over this issue of foreign affairs, he chose not to run for the present Knesset.

Meanwhile the American Jewish Committee has appointed him, on a dollar a year basis, as their Director of Policy Studies. The subject to be investigated is the whole complex of relations between Jewish Communities in the U.S. and in Israel. Mr. Abramov has also been named official consultant to the AJC on this point.

Taking into account that he was Chairman of the Israel-American Friendship Society for 13 years, from 1949 to 1962, Abramov can be seen as the recognized liaison officer, at the present moment level, between the two biggest Jewish communities in the world.

single-minded backing of Israel's cause over the last 30 years forms one of the glorious chapters of Jewish history. That unity could be impaired.

WHAT ISSUES are there that might cause such a division? The monopoly given by Begin's new Government to the Orthodox is one, and this could do untold harm.

"Suppose," Abramov says, "the Law of Return is so amended that henceforth an American who has converted to Judaism under Conservative or Reform auspices, and who wants to settle in Israel, is denied immigrant status on the ground that he is not a Jew — the situation would be explosive."

"Converts of that category together with their families, number tens of thousands of people, many of them active in Jewish affairs and stalwarts in Israel's defence. Don't forget the Conservative and Reform congregations constitute a large majority of the Jewish religious community in America. Their influence, both within and outside the Jewish community, is preponderant."

Mr. Abramov rejects the traditional Zionist theory which sees the Diaspora as no more than a place of exile. He believes that the Jewish community in America is there for good. The idea expressed by Ben-Gurion that any Jew wanting to have a say in Israeli affairs can do that only by settling in Israel has not got to be qualified, in Abramov's opinion.

Support for Israel will come in the main from Jews living inside America, not from Jews immigrating to Israel from America. He concludes that the partnership with them should be extended from fund-raising to joint deliberations over policy questions.

It is a controversial standpoint, but he holds fast to it. "Our country is not only an Israeli State, it is also a Jewish State. It enjoys certain rights vis-a-vis the Diaspora, and conversely it owes certain duties to the Diaspora in its turn."

Force was created three years ago to examine what are the areas of activity in which the two communities can be mutually helpful. The method is to have Americans and Israelis discussing problems together. "If we launch a project on the health services, we shall invite the Director-General of the Health Ministry, and other prominent persons concerned with the subject, to join the Task Force," Reznikoff declares.

It sounds like a kind of technical assistance; but in reality it seems to be more than that. The destinies of the Jews abroad and in Israel respectively have come to be intertwined more tightly than the most fervent out-time Zionists could have expected. Jews in distant lands need the opportunity to understand how things are run in Israel, to express their particular philosophy of the good society, to suggest methods of rationalizing the administration of Israeli affairs.

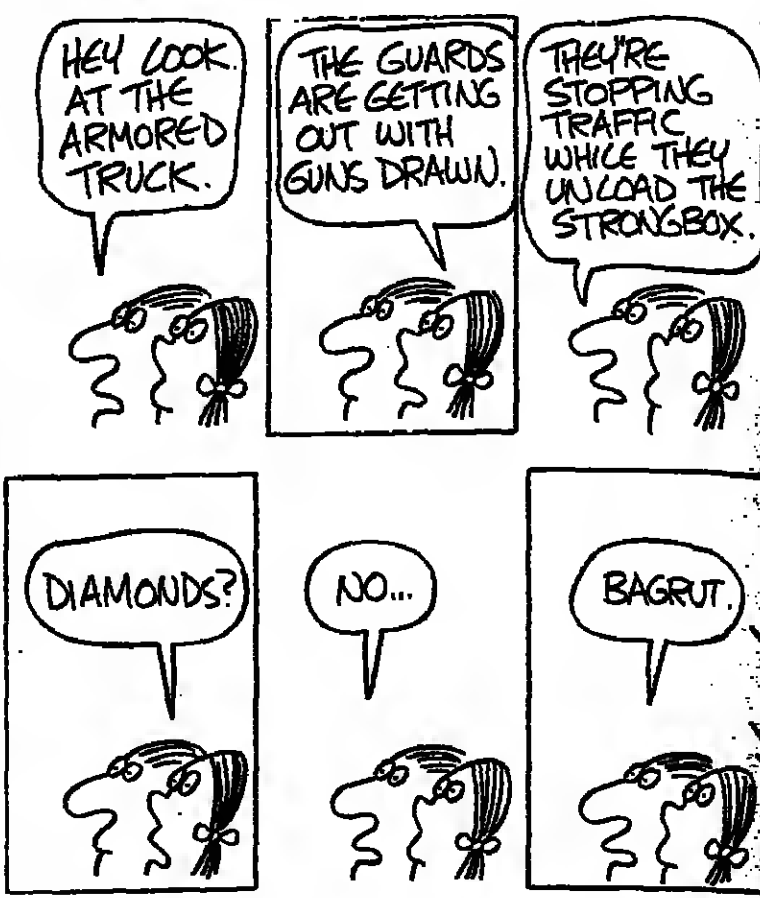
They are affected by the results — as visitors, tourists, donors, supporters, allies, co-gratulations. There is here a living partnership. It must be given voice, Abramov believes.

THE AJC, was founded in 1906 as a result of the Kishinev pogroms in Russia. It aims to protect Jewish rights, and to protect human rights in general. It supports Israel, though it is not a Zionist society.

Today it is concerned, like other reputable Jewish organizations in America, with sticking together in face of a common crisis. The overriding priority is to see the Jewish State through the crucial trials confronting it at the present moment in the international scene.

The traditional Jewish interdependence has become suddenly a more urgent matter. This is the occasion of Abramov's nomination to his new appointment. He wants, he says, to fill the relationship of interests that exists between Jews of different nationalities with content, by giving them a bigger role to play in each other's affairs. Otherwise the bonds may weaken again; and that would be fatal.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

SHORTER WORK WEEK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Israel's trade unionists in concert with Israeli industrialists (which are one and the same here) have never read a report released some years ago in the United States which indicated that productivity had little to do with long working hours. In fact the report showed that workers working a four-day 30-hour week were far more productive than workers putting in a 35-hour five-day work week. The reasons had to do with the tempo of the working day and leisure which afforded the worker time to unwind and increased his overall efficiency.

This report did get some play in the Israeli press and then went the way of other reports which are in conflict with Israeli-held sacred cows. Israeli industrialists supported by the Histadrut still believe, as did the capitalists during the dark ages of the industrial revolution, that maximum productivity is achieved by squeezing the worker dry and exploiting every free moment of the work force. How incongruous that such a notion should be held in a so-called socialist economy and supported by a trade union.

As long as industrialists and the Histadrut believe that productivity is linked to longer hours, the problem will continue to fester, and in the long run, Israel will be a loser. Experience has shown that productivity is increased when there is greater work force mobility, elimination of redundancy, decent work conditions, incentives given for greater productivity, and a shorter work week in order for the worker to unwind from the monotony of his daily work routine.

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